

## Just like DADDY

Mother requests uniform patches after son asks for bedroom to be decorated in honor of late father

By CHAD GARLAND  
*Stars and Stripes*

**W**hen James Riney's mother took him shopping for bedding to outfit his room in their new house, the 4-year-old considered a few options: sharks, dinosaurs, comic book superheroes. He passed on all three.

"Can we do superheroes like my daddy?" James asked.

Sgt. Douglas Riney, 26, was shot and killed by a suspected Taliban infiltrator in Afghanistan nearly two years ago. James barely remembers him, his mother, Kylie Riney, said, but his awe for him and others in uniform has been shaped by memorials and ceremonies he's attended since his father was killed.

Earlier this month, she put out a call on social media for military or public safety uniform patches to use to decorate his room in their house in Farmington, Ill. So far, one package of patches has arrived, she told Stars and Stripes on Wednesday, shortly after popular Facebook

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**Right:** An undated photo shows a battlefield cross 4-year-old James Riney made in his bathroom to honor his late father, Sgt. Douglas Riney, who died Oct. 19, 2016, of wounds suffered in an attack outside Kabul, Afghanistan.

Courtesy of Kylie Riney



## Fort Bragg soldiers dig out from Florence, begin relief ops

By DREW BROOKS  
*The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer*

SPRING LAKE, N.C. — A downed tree was blocking the street of Maj. Maribel Lee's neighborhood near Spring Lake as she tried to get to work Saturday.

Her home had lost power the night before, and her mother and child had stayed behind to wait for the storm to pass.

A neighbor told her to turn back. "It's not safe," he said.

But Lee, the support operations officer for the 26th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, saw no choice but to push ahead.

She and hundreds of other Fort Bragg soldiers were needed.

Starting late Friday and continuing as Tropical Storm Florence's wind and rain continued to batter the region, local soldiers have deployed across eastern North Carolina in response to the storm.

High-water rescues teams comprising Fort Bragg troops are stationed in Fayetteville, Raeford, Newport, Trenton and Bolivia. Others are expected to deploy to parts of North and South Carolina in the coming days as conditions worsen.

The soldiers — no strangers to deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan — are heading out to missions in their own backyards.

"We all have our own issues," said Lee. "But we all want to do what's best for our community."

Fort Bragg's Florence response team, known as Task Force Truck, consists of soldiers from across the installation.

Led by the 26th CSSB and its higher headquarters, the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, the task force comprises more than 200 soldiers from the 3rd ESC, the 82nd Airborne Division, the 18th Field Artillery Brigade and the 20th Engineer Brigade.

Lt. Col. Ricardo Jones, the battalion and task force commander, said teams are being deployed at the request of North Carolina's dual-status commander,

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# Air Force Academy ritual could be federal felony

By TOM ROEDER

(The Colorado Springs, Colo. Gazette)

The ritual was something out of a bad fraternity movie: blindfolded neophyte cadets, half-naked seniors and a threat of forced oral sex.

It's a tradition that had gone on for at least three decades on the Air Force Academy men's swimming team, sources told The Gazette in Colorado Springs, Colo. And, according to criminal charges announced Thursday against two cadets, it could be a federal felony. The hazing charges released by the academy are without precedent in the school's 64-year history, with two seniors facing up to five years behind bars on allegations of obstruction of justice and dereliction of duty.

In the past, hazing cases have been handled through the school's administrative disciplinary process, making this the first criminal haz-

ing case in academy history.

"It must be emphasized that charges are merely accusations, and the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty," the academy said in a news release.

Cadets Michael Hannigan, the captain of the swimming team, and Lars Knutson, a top swimmer who was named a first-team all Western Athletic Conference swimmer last year, face preliminary hearings. Those hearings will determine whether there's sufficient evidence to court-martial the pair.

They are two of 11 swimmers who were suspended from the team in February amid an investigation into hazing.

The school's superintendent, Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria, discussed the case with the school's civilian oversight board in April.

"Times have changed, and some of these rituals hang on that are completely, ridiculously inappropriate," Silveria said.

A summary of the 900-page investigative file obtained by The Gazette showed the hazing took place on Sept. 20, 2017, the same day as a Nerf gun fight at the school that triggered hysteria after it was reported as both an active shooter situation and a terrorist attack.

The swim team started the evening with a dinner for the freshmen class at Olive Garden. Over pizza-can-eat, pasta, the newcomers were introduced to "Phi Kappa Sierra," a self-described swimming team fraternity that has been in existence since at least the 1980s.

The bounty of food on the table was part of the initiation rites, the freshmen were told. As the pasta kept coming, the newcomers were instructed to eat as much as they could.

After the meal, the stuffed freshmen were waddled to a car and blindfolded with their blue cadet ties. They were driven to the woods north of the 18,500-acre

campus for another ritual called the "chunker."

Upper-classmen had gallons of milk for the cadets to drink and foods prepared for the event. Jello with mustard was one example.

The freshmen, who had just finished eight weeks of basic training, were made to run, drink milk, eat and run some more, sources told The Gazette. The goal of the chunker was to make them vomit — or "spew chunks," in cadet lingo.

With that ritual completed, the final stage of the hazing allegedly began, with seniors stripping and freshmen being blindfolded again.

No sexual acts were alleged to have taken place. The unchained seniors pulled their pants back up and announced it was all a gag. The incident prompted one of the freshmen to complain to top academy leaders.

That triggered the investigation, which lasted through most of the swimming team season.

It resulted in a dramatic scene

in Houston on Feb. 22, when cadets were literally pulled from the pool at the Western Athletic Conference championships and suspended from the team, which was making a run at the conference crown.

The investigation focused on Knutson and Hannigan, who were held back from graduation. Charge sheets indicate that as many as 10 other cadets may have been involved in the hazing incident, but they are unnamed and uncharged co-conspirators in court papers released Thursday.

The charges come as the academy awaits results of an outside review of athletic culture that was triggered by the swimming incident and a similar investigation into the school's lacrosse team.

In the case of the lacrosse team, details of which have not been released, Coach Eric Seremet was removed and Bill Wilson installed as interim head coach of the squad.

## Correction

An Aug. 31 article, "Marine pleads guilty to sex assault, drug charges," contained incorrect information. Pvt. Jordan Rhodes pleaded guilty to one count each of sexual assault; attempted use of a controlled substance, LSD; attempted distribution of a controlled substance, LSD; and failure to obey a lawful order. He did not plead guilty to any additional charges.

## Report: Sub maintenance work less costly at private yards

By JULIA BERGMAN

(The New London, Conn.) Day

It's less costly to repair submarines at private shipyards than Electric Boat than the Navy's public yards, according to a recent analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. The Navy has said it prefers to go to public shipyards for its routine maintenance work because it costs less.

The CBO, at the request of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, analyzed 24 years of maintenance on Los Angeles-class

attack submarines done by private and public yards, examining costs, days of labor and days in the shipyard. It found that, on average, it cost 38 percent less to do the overhaul work at private shipyards than at the public yards.

The analysis includes a disclaimer about the findings — the average cost of an overhaul at a public shipyard was \$26 million, compared with an average cost of \$21 million at a private shipyard — which is that the private shipyards performed more overhauls earlier on in the 24-year period,

which covers 1993 to 2017, when the submarines were newer and not as expensive to service. Also, the public shipyard data do not include certain overhead costs because the Navy changed its accounting methods in 1999 and stopped reporting overhead costs.

The office said the findings, which were based on Navy data, were preliminary and intended to "stimulate" discussion and "critical comment" in Congress.

The issue came to the attention of federal lawmakers, including Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., a

member of the House Armed Services Committee, after several attack submarines were delayed in getting overhauled, resulting in missed or shortened deployments.

Courtney and other members of Connecticut's congressional delegation have pushed the Navy to divert submarine maintenance to the private yard Electric Boat, which is in his district, and Newport News, Va., instead of adding to workloads at the Navy's public yards, which are backed up and prioritize ballistic missile submarines and aircraft carriers.

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Bees are displayed Sept. 7 at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach in Ansbach, Germany. A group has set up what they call a Bee Haus to benefit plant life in the area.

## Bunch brings bees, boosts buzz at base in Bavaria

BY MARTIN EGNASH  
Stars and Stripes

ANSBACH, Germany — There's a real buzz around the base here these days. And the talk is about bees.

A group of veterans, spouses and civilians based at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach opened three beehives at Soldier Lake, near Army Airfield Ansbach, on Friday. The Ansbach beekeeping club is taking care of what they call the Bee Haus, which is home to as many as 30,000 bees.

"We are a group of American and German volunteers who care for the bees," said Daniel Woernlein, an environmental protection specialist at the base.

The club decided to build the beehives primarily for the ecological benefits of having honeybees in the area.

"Having more bees in the environment gives more pollinators to the plants and flowers," Woernlein said.

During the summer, the group also planted drought-resistant wildflowers throughout the Army recreational area to give the bees more pollen.

"We wanted plants that could go a long time without rain and bring more life into the area," Woernlein said.

The bees already are making honey, and the group expects to harvest it next year. It will give the club additional income for projects around the base, like school field trips.

The hives are open to the public, and the club expects the base schools to make quick field trips to them to learn about bees and the environment.

Beekeeping, especially urban beekeeping, has gained popularity as a recreational activity in recent years, with beehives popping



Members of a beekeeping club planted drought-resistant wildflowers at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach during the summer as a resource for the bees.



Bees work on a honeycomb at the new beehives at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach.

up on top apartment buildings, offices and landmarks around the world.

This past year, for example, beehives have been installed at the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Musée D'Orsay in Paris.

The Ansbach beekeeping group says is looking for more

active-duty soldiers to join up to help take care of their 30,000 new friends. For more information or to learn about how to set up hives at other bases, contact the group at the base Facebook page, facebook.com/usag.ansbach.

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## Navy ups families' flexibility for PCS

BY SCOTT WYLAND  
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A sailor's family members can move ahead or stay behind up to six months during a change of duty station in certain circumstances rather than move all at once, the Navy announced Thursday.

The new policy, which goes into effect immediately, seeks to give sailors and their families more flexibility and to minimize disruption of essential tasks during permanent-change-of-station moves, the Navy said. Previous policies required sailors and family members to move all at once with almost no exceptions.

Sailors' spouses now can move separately to wrap up jobs or education, to see their children through a school year, to tend to special-needs children or to care for immediate family members suffering from chronic or long-term illnesses.

The change expands on a policy the Navy adopted in May that allows a child to finish a school year

after a parent changes duty stations. The previous rule required a child to transfer at the end of a school term during a PCS, even if it fell midway through the school year.

For moves within the states, dependents can leave up to six months before or after a sailor in the situations listed under the new rules.

Family members moving from the states to overseas can delay travel up to six months in these circumstances, but cannot move before the sailor.

Dependents going from overseas to the states can move six months in advance, but can stay behind only to see a child through a school year.

A family still will receive just one housing allowance, whether a spouse moves before or after the sailor.

Requests for advance or delayed travel must be submitted to Navy Personnel Command.

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## Air Force altering oxygen system to protect T-6 pilots

BY JAMES BOLINGER  
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The Air Force will redesign and adjust oxygen control levels in T-6 Texan II cockpits to curb problems suffered by pilots flying the training aircraft, according to Air Education and Training Command.

The service grounded its T-6 fleet Feb. 1 after instructors and student pilots at several bases suffered hypoxia-like symptoms, which can occur when pilots are deprived of oxygen. The operational pause was lifted Feb. 27.

Thirteen unexplained physiological events were traced to the On-Board Oxygen Generating System, or OBOGS, which will undergo more maintenance and eventually will be replaced, according to an AETC statement issued Friday.

Varying levels of oxygen inside the cockpits was a major factor behind the incidents, according to AETC commander Lt. Gen. Steve Kwast. Those variations, which in some cases gave pilots more oxygen than they needed, caused physiological stress.

While most pilots were not affected by the fluctuations, some suffered symptoms similar to hypoxia, hypocapnia — caused by reduced carbon dioxide — or other similar conditions, Kwast said.

The team investigating the incidents included experts from AETC, Air Force Materiel Command, NASA and the Navy, which

also uses the T-6 to train its pilots. They conducted multiple inspections and discovered that the OBOGS filter and drain valves were failing at a rate much higher than anticipated, the statement said.

AETC and AFMC are now redesigning the T-6 OBOGS system, which is expected to take between two and four years, the statement said.

In the meantime, airmen are working with the aircraft manufacturer to create a software algorithm that will stabilize cockpit oxygen concentrations, the statement added. New maintenance procedures and inspection timelines and additional pilot training also were introduced to prevent future issues.

"Since our T-6 operational pause, we have made every effort to communicate with every instructor and every student exactly what we've found," Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, the 19th Air Force commander, said in the statement. "Transparency remains of utmost importance to us as we all work together to ensure that our pilots are safe and know the way ahead."

The grounding slowed training for the Air Force, which is facing a deficit of about 2,000 pilots amid competition from commercial aviation. Some trainees were transferred to T-38 Talon and T-1 Jayhawk trainers, which prepare pilots for fly fighters, bombers, airlifters and refueling aircraft.

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## MILITARY

# Patches: Ceremonies, dedications have left impressions on the children

## FROM FRONT PAGE

page "U.S. Army WTF! Moments" shared her request.

James, who can pinpoint his father in photos around the house, plays hero nearly every day with his sister, Elea, who will turn 6 the day after the second anniversary of their father's death in October.

They don whatever gear is on hand. A green "junior zookeeper" vest with cargo pockets, a toy construction helmet and rain boots have served as proxies for kiddie combat gear. They go on patrol hunting down the family dogs.

In the bathroom one night, James placed rain boots on a neon pink stool in front of the sink, a toy rifle pinched between their rubber soles and a helmet in front of them — a child's version of the battlefield cross that is a familiar symbol of Americans killed in far-flung conflicts.

He was already asleep when his mother discovered it, and she left it up until morning, when she asked why he'd put it there.

"For my daddy in heaven," he replied.

### 'His pride and joy'

Born on Fort Stewart in Georgia and raised in Central Illinois, Douglas Riney was in his early 20s and hadn't begun dating his future wife when he decided to join the Army. His father, a Gulf War veteran, had been a sergeant — his grandfather, too — and he was committed to serve at least until reaching the same rank.

By the time he reported for basic training in 2012, the couple were together and expecting a child. He was in training as a fueler when his daughter was born, the first of many moments he would miss for the Army.

His wife and newborn joined him in December of that year, when he was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas. His son was 4 months old in July 2014, when he deployed to Afghanistan with the 3rd Cavalry Regiment.

Cindy Chacon, a platoon mate sent with Riney to Logar province's Forward Operating Base Shank, said his face would light up when he spoke about his wife and children.

"His pride and joy," she said Friday. "That's what kept a smile on his face every single day, all day long."

He was the most motivated person he knew and a selfless leader, she said.

The deployment boded well for his career when he was promoted to corporal and saw sergeant within reach, his wife

said. After returning home in early 2015, he worked to delay the promotion, doing any coursework he could and taking on responsibilities.

His former platoon sergeant, retired Master Sgt. Christopher Key, said he had aced an arms room course that was a challenge just to pass, according to officials with the cavalry regiment.

"The plan was he was making it a career," his wife said. "Everything was working out great."

He expected to remain in the rear during the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Support Squadron's Afghanistan rotation in June 2016 but was later told he'd be shipping out in someone else's place, his wife said. Once in Afghanistan, he hoped to quickly pin on his third chevron.

"All he was waiting on was for the promotion scores to be posted," she said. "Then he was killed."

### A 'guardian angel'

He was providing "guardian angel" security for a team checking on an ammunition supply point at Camp Morehead, outside the Afghan capital, on Oct. 19, 2016. His wife said she was fully briefed earlier this summer on the events that day.

The three U.S. soldiers and three U.S. civilians ventured outside the coalition side of base, not aware that their mission had been scrubbed, she said. As they were getting into their vehicles after being turned away at the supply-point gate, a man in an Afghan army uniform opened fire on them.

Civilian Rick Alford, a 20-year Army veteran who was shot, said on Facebook in the days after that he thought he might die. Despite being wounded, Army Capt. Scott Rankin crawled over and dragged him to another vehicle so they could "get the hell out of dodge," Alford said.

The attacker was chased but killed himself before he could be caught, Kylie Riney was told. Riney and Michael G. Sauro, 40, an Army civilian, died. A third civilian, Rodney Henderson, was wounded but survived.

Riney was posthumously promoted to sergeant. Days later, the promotion scores came out and he had made the cut. Had he lived, he likely would have been promoted within about a month.

"No matter what, he went out as a sergeant," his widow said.

Capt. Jason Welch, a spokesman for the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, said "he absolutely earned

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it" by laying down his life. "We see him as a hero."

### A soldier remembered

At a memorial service at Fort Hood, soldiers eulogized Riney from a podium beside a battlefield cross. A similar cross was displayed at a service in the church he attended off base, his widow said.

There were more ceremonies. Bystanders on flag-lined streets saluted or held hands to heart during a hometown funeral procession with police cars, fire trucks and motorcycles.

Months later, officials gathered the family and dedicated part of Illinois Route 78 near Riney's hometown of Fairview in his honor, and last month another ceremony marked the official renaming of the village post office for him.

Such scenes have left their impressions on his children, who only partially understand their significance.

James sometimes randomly salutes people, occasionally with the wrong hand, his mother said. He and his sister don't quite know right from left, but they know to stand for the national anthem and hold one of those hands over their hearts.

"They know if they want to talk to him, we go to the cemetery," she said. "They know he died a hero."

When the community raised \$1,200 for the family, she donated it to the local library, partly to buy 55 books to help spouses and children cope with military life or a parent's death, said Rebecca Seaborn, the library's assistant director.

It's just one way the family tries to let the community in the name of a young soldier they said lived his life for others. There are annual memorial motorcycle rides to benefit area fire departments and a yearly 5K run that funds a local scholarship.

"We're trying to do a lot of things to keep his name and memory alive," said Pamela Boland, his mother.

Kylie Riney hopes to use donated uniform patches not just as decoration for her son's "hero bedroom" but as a memorial to those whose deaths have left holes in other families, too.

"In our eyes, they're all heroes," she said.

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From top: Then-Cpl. Douglas Riney, who died on Oct. 19, 2016, was posthumously promoted to sergeant. Riney poses with his wife, Kylie, and their daughter, Elea, and son, James. A display honoring Riney is shown during his memorial service at the Spirit of Fort Hood Chapel on Oct. 26, 2016.

Photos above, left, courtesy of Kylie Riney



Kylie Riney

widow of Sgt. Douglas J. Riney

TOMORA CLARK/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**'They know if they want to talk to him, we go to the cemetery.'**



## MILITARY



KATHERINE FREY/The Washington Post

Lori Lee Stultz, 59, of Arlington, Va., escaped the mass shooting at her Navy Yard office in 2013.

## 5 years later, survivors of Navy Yard shooting mark traumatic event

By ANN E. MARIMOW  
The Washington Post

When the first shots were fired inside Building 197 at the Washington Navy Yard, Lori Lee Stultz huddled beneath a desk with two colleagues, gripping their hands and trying to stay quiet, certain they'd be killed.

All around her, glass shattered, fire alarms blared, desk phones rang incessantly, and a colleague screamed, "Help me!"

The shooter, Aaron Alexis, gunned down 12 Navy civilian personnel and contractors that morning in September 2013, including two many of Stultz's friends and colleagues from 15 years at the Navy Yard.

Stultz, of Arlington, Va., and about 20 other survivors from Building 197 planned to gather Sunday to mark five years since the mass shooting.

"You become part of a strange community that no one else understands. We're not crying; we're just remembering," Stultz said. "You can't really talk to other people about it. It's just upsetting, and they don't know what to say."

The anniversary comes as a group of victims' relatives and survivors, including Stultz, have reached settlements in their negligence lawsuits against two private companies that employed Alexis, who was shot fatally by police who flooded the scene. The agreements close a chapter for the 15 plaintiffs who went to federal court in Washington seeking a combined \$189 million in claimed damages.

The ones who lived have suffered post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and flashbacks. Some never returned to work at the Navy Yard.

Stultz, 59, escaped Building 197 in 2013 by crawling out of a maze of cubicles behind one of the first responders, a naval officer. She passed dead bodies. The stairwell reeked of human flesh. But Stultz kept her eyes fixed on the back of the officer's jacket that displayed his name — Brandon Denison — a name that later would provide inspiration for a new path.

The physical injuries, while notable, were not necessarily permanent, but the emotional scars

remain to this day," said David M. Schloss, the lead attorney representing eight of the 15 plaintiffs.

The details of the settlement agreements, finalized in the past month, are confidential.

A federal judge in 2016 allowed the lawsuits against the two employers — The Experts Inc. and HP Enterprise Services — to proceed. In an 81-page opinion, U.S. District Judge Rosemary Collyer cited allegations that the companies had an obligation to keep Alexis out of the workplace after his earlier erratic, dangerous behavior suggested he might harm others.

For the survivors, moving on has been difficult, with their trauma resurfacing during subsequent mass shootings.

In the months that followed the horror at Navy Yard, Stultz felt like the "walking dead," she said. She began therapy for PTSD, which helped her cope with a shame she felt.

"I felt, I still feel, so horrible for not doing anything — that I lived, that they all died and I just walked home," said Stultz, who lives with her husband and daughter. "I am the lucky one. I got to go home."

For a time, she returned to work at the Navy Yard as a systems engineer. The bullet holes were patched, the walls were painted and the layout of the office was redesigned. But she hated it.

Instead, Stultz pursued her long-held passion for linens and fine china. She had the naval officer who rescued her in mind when she created a business she calls Denison Lane. Stultz learned to sew, created a website and cuts her own stamps to design napkins, tea towels and table runners. The hands-on repetition in those tasks was therapeutic.

To raise awareness about gun violence prevention, Stultz recently donated money to the advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety in the name of the attorney who handled her lawsuit.

She said she wants to work on a survivors guide to help others like her.

"I don't think this goes away. It's like gray hair. I can color it, but it doesn't go away," she said. "It breaks something."

# 5 years after arrest, Navy bribery mastermind testifies

By GREG MORAN  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Five years ago, investigators with the U.S. Navy knocked on the door of a San Diego hotel suite with a sweeping view of the city's harbor, waiting for the 6-foot-5-inch Malaysian businessman inside to answer — and in the process launching what has become the worst corruption scandal for the Navy in decades.

Since the arrest of businessman Leonard Glenn "Fat Leonard" Francis that day, federal prosecutors in San Diego methodically have filed charges or have secured indictments against 32 defendants, including 27 Navy officials, for their roles accepting bribes from Francis, owner of the ship servicing firm Glenn Defense Marine Asia. Hundreds

more Navy personnel who had interactions with Francis or his company have had their cases reviewed internally by the Navy, with several facing courts-martial.



Francis

And while the tally of the accused has continued to rise, nothing has been heard from Francis since his three-day period in San Diego in July, when he answered questions behind closed doors.

Francis, who pleaded guilty in January 2015 and agreed to cooperate with investigators probing his bribery network, testified for the first time — in a deposition taken for a court-martial case for Cmdr. David Morales, an active-duty fighter pilot charged with conspiracy and bribery.

A transcript of the deposition was provided to The San Diego Union-Tribune by Morales' attorney after the court-martial ended Sept. 1, when the deposition became a public record.

Francis testified at length and in detail about his interactions with Morales, who fought the court-martial charges filed against him. The defense lawyer who questioned him asked for a mistrial at the court-martial because he said Francis committed perjury.

The military judge hearing the case did not agree, but he acquitted Morales of the most serious

charges against him, which relied in part on Francis' version of events.

A lawyer defending a Navy officer now under indictment for accepting bribes from Francis attended the court-martial and said later that the deposition could put Francis' credibility as a witness in play in future cases.

"It was clear to everyone in the courtroom the judge had serious questions about Leonard Francis' credibility as a witness," said Joseph Mancano, a lawyer representing retired Capt. David Newland, who is facing charges of conspiracy and bribery.

"I think the words the judge used were 'possible embroidery' of his testimony and how Leonard Francis had trouble answering questions directly."

Francis, 54, also testified about his current status at the deposition. The businessman is suffering from renal cancer, and for months has been under the care and treatment of unidentified physicians in San Diego, according to the transcript and court records in San Diego federal court.

He's no longer in the custody of the U.S. Marshals, nor in a federal lockup, but is on a medical furlough requested by attorneys and approved by the federal judge overseeing his case late last year.

Instead, Francis is living in a small, studio-like apartment above a garage at the home of one of his physicians. He is under guard 24 hours per day by private security guards, which his family is paying for. They are allowed to visit with him for up to three to four hours at a time, he said. He's allowed to go to church once per week.

As part of a plea agreement, Francis entered into in January 2015, he agreed to forfeit \$35 million to the government — a measure of how much he profited from the bribery scheme.

Yet Francis has paid only \$5 million of the amount, and did so — as the agreement required — in the first 90 days after he pleaded guilty. There's no indication of when the rest will be paid.

That might not be unusual. For all his time in custody and the years since he pleaded guilty, Francis has yet to be sentenced for his crimes. Typically, cooperating witnesses like him in multiple-defendant cases are not sentenced until all the cases against other

defendants are finished.

At that time, prosecutors can ask for a reduction in sentencing based on the cooperation of a witness. Francis is working for that.

At the deposition, Frank Spinner — the attorney for Morales — read from the five-page cooperation agreement Francis has with the government that spells out the possibility of a lesser sentence, then asked Francis if he was counting on that.

"I hope so, yes," he answered.

Spinner also pressed about the money owed. He asked, "With respect to the forfeiture agreement of \$35 million, was there a schedule set for you to pay the balance of that \$35 million or is it your hope that that amount will somehow be reduced by cooperating?"

"I paid the \$5 million as part of my plea agreement," Francis responded, "and the rest of my restitution is, I'll do my best at the end, sir."

The U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego, where the investigation is anchored, declined to comment for this story.

When the end comes in the Fat Leonard scandal is an open question. Just last month, federal prosecutors indicted three more people. Another nine defendants indicted in 2017 still have active cases that may go to trial. If any do, Francis likely will testify.



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## NATION

# Florence death toll swells to 15 as rivers rise

Associated Press

NEW BERN, N.C. — As the death toll from Florence grew and hundreds of people were pulled from flooded homes, North Carolina braced for catastrophic, widespread river flooding that could be the next stage of a mounting disaster.

Weakened to a tropical depression early Sunday after blowing ashore as a hurricane with 90 mph winds on Friday, Florence was still spinning slowly atop the Carolinas as it pulled warm water from the ocean and hurled it ashore.

The storm's death toll climbed to 15 on Sunday after state troopers in South Carolina said a driver died when a pickup struck an overpass support beam in Kershaw County.

Earlier, authorities said two people died from inhaling carbon monoxide from a generator in their home.

The city of Wilmington, N.C., has been completely cut off by floodwaters and officials are asking for additional help from state law enforcement and the National Guard.

Woody White, chairman of the board of commissioners of New Hanover County, said at a news conference Sunday that additional rainfall Saturday night made roads into the city impassable.

White said officials are planning for food and water to be flown to the county, although new distribution centers will have to be found because of all the rain in

the northern part of the county.

About 740,000 homes and businesses remained without power in the Carolinas, and utilities said some could be out for weeks.

Radar showed parts of the sprawling storm over six states, but North and South Carolina were in the bull's-eye.

The head of Federal Emergency Management Agency, Brock Long, said officials were still focused on finding and rescuing people.

"We'll get through this. It'll be ugly, but we'll get through it," Long told NBC's "Meet The Press."

Rivers swelled toward record levels, forecasters said, and thousands of people were ordered to evacuate for fear that the next few days could bring the most destructive round of flooding in North Carolina history.

Stream gauges across the region showed water levels rising steadily, with forecasts calling for rivers to crest Sunday and Monday at or near record levels: The Little River, the Cape Fear, the Lumber, the Neuse, the Waccamaw and the Pee Dee all were projected to burst their banks, possibly flooding nearby communities.

Authorities ordered the immediate evacuation of up to 7,500 people living within a mile of a stretch of the Cape Fear River and the Little River, about 100 miles from the North Carolina coast. The evacuation zone included part of the city of Fayetteville, population 200,000.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Hog farm buildings are inundated Sunday with floodwater from Hurricane Florence near Trenton, N.C.



GERRY BROOME/AP

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Shallow Water Rescue Team check on a flooded neighborhood Sunday in Lumberton, N.C., in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

The Defense Department said about 13,500 military personnel were assigned to help relief efforts, which could be massive since river forecasts showed major flooding was likely in towns as far as 250 miles inland.

Already, more than 2 feet of

rain has fallen in places, and forecasters are saying there could be an additional 1½ feet before Sunday is out.

"Floodwaters are rising, and if you aren't watching for them, you are risking your life," Gov. Roy Cooper said.

Officials were warning residents not only to stay off the roads but also to avoid using GPS systems. "As conditions change, GPS navigation systems are not keeping up with the road closures and are directing people onto roads that are confirmed closed and/or flooded," the state Transportation Department said on Twitter.

In Goldsboro, N.C., home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, roads that frequently flood were already closed Saturday by rushing water.

New Bern spokeswoman Colleen Roberts said 455 people were safely rescued in the town of 30,000 residents. Across the Trent River from New Bern, Jerry and Jan Andrews returned home after evacuating to find carp flopping in their backyard near the porch stairs.

Coast Guard helicopters took off across the street to rescue stranded people from rooftops and swamped cars.

The Marines rescued about 20 civilians from floodwaters near Camp Lejeune, using Humvees and amphibious assault vehicles, the base reported.

## Relief: Soldiers from posts in Ky., NY, Colo., Texas bolstering efforts

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Maj. Gen. James Ernst, who reports to active-duty and National Guard leaders.

On Sunday, the task force was expected to grow by another 360 soldiers, as units from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., arrive at Fort Bragg.

Jones said the soldiers are focused on high-water rescues, especially as water levels continue to rise in parts of the state. Each team is equipped with extra fuel and water and has the ability to repair its vehicles.

"They could be out for a couple of hours or a couple of days," he said. Soldiers have responded quickly to relief operations, in part, because they were preparing up to a week before the storm hit, said Gen. Robert B. "Abe" Abrams.

Abrams, the commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command, visited Task Force Truck on Saturday afternoon and praised the soldiers and the installation for its efforts.

"Bragg has been leaning in since last week," he said. "It's a great team effort.

Everybody is all in."

That includes soldiers stationed far outside the storm's path.

In addition to Fort Campbell and Fort Drum, Abrams said small units of soldiers from Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Hood, Texas, also have come to Fort Bragg to help. And additional forces are on standby at Fort Stewart, Ga., and other locations across the nation.

Last week, officials said thousands of soldiers could respond to Fort Bragg and the surrounding area to assist in relief operations, if needed.

They would bolster local first responders and the North Carolina National Guard, which as of Saturday afternoon had approximately 2,800 soldiers and airmen across the state helping evacuate residents, rescuing stranded people and placing sandbags ahead of rising floodwaters.

Abrams said Fort Bragg has 10 helicopters ready to assist in relief and rescue operations once the storm has passed. That number grows to 120 helicopters, if needed, through the combined power of the 82nd, 3rd and 10th Combat Aviation

Brigades.

The latter recently was training at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., Abrams said, but its helicopters are being diverted to Fort Bragg to assist in post-Florence operations.

"You prepare for the worst," the general said. "But hope for the best."

For now, the bulk of the relief work from Fort Bragg is being conducted by soldiers who also have been impacted by the storm.

Lee said it's a humbling job, but also a sacrifice soldiers are willing to make.

"When they see their own house in shambles, they move on to help their neighbors first," she said.

But, Lee added, that's a common mentality at Fort Bragg, where soldiers often are trained to deploy on short notice.

"You anticipate the mission," she said.

"We knew we would go out and help."

Soldiers care, Lee added. And they want to be the ones to help their neighbors.

"It's not a job," she said. "It's a way of life."

Many of the soldiers deploying in support

of Florence relief operations also deployed last year in support efforts following hurricanes Harvey, Maria and Irma.

Others, like Jones, have experience with hurricanes dating back even further.

As a lieutenant, Jones, now the commander of the 26th CSSB, deployed with that unit as a platoon leader to Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

"What these men and women are doing now is what I did then," he said.

Jones said soldiers have learned from Katrina and the more recent hurricanes how to respond to these disasters.

He has told soldiers to treat the relief operation like they would any other deployment.

"You have to have a mission-oriented mindset," Jones said. "You need the same mindset going down Route Tampa in Iraq versus Interstate 95 in North Carolina."

Jones said the response at Fort Bragg has been encouraging, with nearly every unit on post involved in relief operations in some way.

"It's a joint effort," he said. "We've all got to be ready."

## NATION

## NC's Outer Banks 'really blessed on this one'

By SARAH RANKIN  
and MARTHA WAGGONER  
Associated Press

Many residents who evacuated North Carolina's Outer Banks ahead of Hurricane Florence made their way back Saturday onto the barrier islands, a popular tourist destination spared the worst of the storm's wrath.

While other parts of the state were suffering catastrophic flooding from a storm that caused at least 15 deaths, county officials and business owners on the low-lying islands reported relatively minimal damage, and there were no immediate reports of injuries or fatalities.

"We were really blessed on this one," said Matt Paulson, a two-decade resident of coastal North Carolina who owns the First Light restaurant in Corolla.

While the Outer Banks made it past Florence fairly unscathed, scientists say they remain incredibly vulnerable to future storms and climate change. The islands are experiencing some of the fastest rates of sea level rise in the world, nearly an inch a year. That rate is expected to accelerate as the oceans warm, seawater expands, currents weaken and polar ice sheets melt.

"Sooner or later, we need to get out of there," Orrin H. Pilkey, a professor emeritus of geology at Duke University, told The Associated Press before the storm hit.

Pilkey said Saturday that's still "absolutely true."

"We cannot hold the shoreline still in the context of a rising sea level," he said. "No possibility."

Forecasts last week had suggested things could be far worse, and North Carolina's governor issued what he called a first-of-its-kind mandatory evacuation order for all the barrier islands.

On Saturday morning, authorities began allowing residents as well as workers and property owners to begin returning to the northern portion of the islands. Visitors were expected to be allowed entry to the same area beginning Sunday.

"They absolutely have started rolling in," Dare County spokeswoman Dorothy Hester said. Photos the county posted showed some traffic backups as local law enforcement worked to cycle cars through checkpoints.

A preliminary damage assessment showed about a half-million dollars of damage in Dare County, Hester said, a figure she called "quite fortunate."

Farther south on Ocracoke Island, power was back up and there were no reports of serious structural damage, Hyde County spokesman Donnie Shumate said.

"Ocracoke is fine. It's just a matter of getting to Ocracoke right now," Shumate said. Ferries weren't yet running to the island, which is accessible only by boat or air.

An Associated Press photographer who flew over the Outer Banks in a helicopter Saturday



L. TODD SPENCER, THE (NORFOLK) VIRGINIAN PILOT/AP

Kite boarder Dimitri Maramenides rides the surf next to Jennette's Pier in Nags Head, N.C., on Friday as Hurricane Florence made landfall farther south.



STEVE HEBER/AP

Oceanfront homes sit over rough surf from Tropical Storm Florence in Rodanthe, N.C., on Saturday.

to survey damage observed some houses on stilts that were washed out below but still standing. Many dunes appeared not to have sizable damage, and harbors were empty, with just a few boats scattered about.

Paulson, the restaurant owner, said this week is generally a busy one for local businesses. Many visitors to the Outer Banks stay in weekly rentals and generally start their vacations on Saturdays or Sundays.

Rental properties will be open, said Clark Twiddy, president of Duck-based Twiddy Realty, which has more than 1,000 rentals. But vacationers will have problems getting to the coast because of road issues, especially if

**'We're fortunate, but our hearts are in southeastern North Carolina.'**

Clark Twiddy

Twiddy Realty in Duck, N.C.

they travel through eastern North Carolina to get there, Twiddy said.

Susie Fisher, who works at a Food Lion in Southern Shores in accounting and as a cashier, opted not to evacuate. She said tourists who returned Sunday morning might not have found what they needed.

"The shelves are pretty empty, and we don't expect our first

truck until Sunday, maybe, if they can get through," she said.

Twiddy emphasized that while he was glad the Outer Banks were spared from worse destruction, the devastation just went elsewhere.

"I don't want to sound like we're relieved, lucky or excited," he said. "We're fortunate, but our hearts are in southeastern North Carolina."

## Coal ash slope at landfill collapses

By MICHAEL BIESECKER  
Associated Press

Duke Energy said Saturday night that heavy rains from Florence caused a slope to collapse at a coal ash landfill at a closed power station near the North Carolina coast.

Duke spokeswoman Paige Sheehan said about 2,000 cubic yards of ash were displaced at the L.V. Sutton Power Station outside Wilmington, and that contaminated runoff likely flowed into the plant's cooling pond. The company has not yet determined whether the weir that drains the lake was open or if contamination may have flowed into the Cape Fear River. That's roughly enough ash to fill 180 dump trucks.

Florence slammed into the North Carolina coast as a large hurricane Friday, dumping nearly 3 feet of rain and swelling the region's rivers. The resulting flooding forced swift-water rescues and left several people dead.

Sheehan said the company had reported the incident to state and federal regulators "out of an abundance of caution."

The coal-fired Sutton plant was retired in 2013, and the company has been excavating millions of tons of ash from old waste pits and removing it to safer, lined landfills constructed on the property. The gray ash left behind when coal is burned contains toxic heavy metals, including arsenic, lead and mercury.

Duke has been under intense scrutiny for the handling of its coal ash since a drainage pipe collapsed under a waste pit at an old plant in Eden, N.C., in 2014, triggering a massive spill that coated 70 miles of the Dan River in gray sludge.

In a subsequent settlement with federal regulators, Duke agreed to plead guilty to nine Clean Water Act violations and pay \$102 million in fines and restitution for illegally discharging pollution from coal-ash dumps at five North Carolina power plants. The company is in the process of closing all of its coal ash dumps by 2029.



## NATION

# Pompeo fills gaps at State Department, vows Trump-like swagger

By NICK WADHAM  
Bloomberg

Secretary of State Michael Pompeo isn't one to dawdle. On his most recent trip abroad, he spent just three hours in Pakistan and 24 in India before heading home. Now he's applying the same impatience to staffing up a State Department hobbled by vacancies and shattered morale.

As he rushes to fill key openings, the former CIA director is trying to rebrand his department with an image more to his liking — and more likely to appeal to his boss, President Donald Trump. Instead of overseeing a corps of cautious, cerebral diplomats, Pompeo boasts on social media that he's leading the "Department of Swagger."

Since Pompeo's confirmation at the end of April, the administration has put forward 57 nominees for ambassadors and senior State Department posts, of whom 28 have been confirmed. Overall, 51 State Department nominees are pending in the Senate, according to the department, as Pompeo tries to reverse some of the cuts made under his predecessor, Rex Tillerson.

"Foreign Service officers seem to be breathing a sigh of relief that the building feels like it's returning to some degree of normalcy," said Dan Feldman, a former State Department special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. "The feeling seems akin to PTSD, where recovery may have started and seems promising, but with the recognition that it will take many years of intense focus and resources to rectify the harm already done by this administration's evisceration of the building."

One of Trump's most trusted aides, Pompeo has the clout to get

many of his choices for vacancies approved at the White House. He has led the on-and-off talks with North Korea and laid out the administration's confrontational approach to Iran.

In an administration riven by high turnover, Pompeo has worked to reverse the hollowing out that occurred at astonishing speed during Tillerson's 13-month tenure. In some cases, Pompeo is moving so fast — he said he wants his "team on the field" — that his new hires don't even have formal titles yet.

Not all the jobs are top-tier positions in the diplomatic pecking order, but they are filling gaps that had been occupied by acting or deputy officials. Among the nominations for ambassadorial jobs in recent months are posts in Benin, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Mozambique, Togo, Ecuador and Gambia.

Pompeo has made very public efforts to appeal to the diplomatic corps that Tillerson disdained, including by appointing career diplomats David Hale and Michael McKinley to senior jobs. McKinley, named a senior counselor, has been installed in the chief of staff's office next to Pompeo's.

But critics argue those are exceptions rather than the norm. The American Foreign Service Association said that as of Sept. 11, only one of the department's 15 assistant secretaries had been drawn from the ranks of currently serving Foreign Service officers.

The talent field available to Pompeo is constrained because many Foreign Service officers with decades of experience left the department under Tillerson's watch, which ended when Trump dismissed him in a tweet.

"You have very few people who have ever actually made foreign policy working with foreigners," said Ronald Neumann, president of the American Academy of Diplomacy. "You have lots of people who have knowledge of foreign policy issues but no knowledge how to execute it."



SUSAN HAIG/AP

People look out at the water Saturday after a reported shark attack at Newcomb Hollow Beach in Wellfleet, Mass., in which a man died.

## Police say man died after shark attack off Cape Cod

By SUSAN HAIGH  
Associated Press

WELLFLEET, Mass. — A man was bitten by a shark Saturday in the water off a Cape Cod beach and died later at a hospital, becoming the state's first shark attack fatality in more than 80 years.

The man, identified by Cape and Islands Assistant District Attorney Tara Millmore as Arthur Medici, 26, of Revere, was attacked about noon off Newcomb Hollow Beach, police said.

Joe Booth, a local fisherman and surfer, said he was on shore and he saw the man and his friend boogie boarding when the attack happened.

He said he saw the man aggressively kick something behind him and a flicker of a tail from the water. He realized what was happening when the friend came

ashore, dragging the injured man.

"I was that guy on the beach, screaming, 'Shark, shark!'" Booth said. "It was like right out of that movie 'Jaws.' This has turned into Amity Island real quick out here."

Booth said others on the beach attempted to make a tourniquet while others frantically called 911.

Hayley Williamson, a Cape Cod resident and former lifeguard who was on the beach at the time, was in disbelief after the man was rushed into an ambulance.

"We've been surfing all morning right here and they were just further down," she said of the two boogie boarders. "Right spot, wrong time, I guess."

Life-saving measures were attempted on the beach before the man was taken to Cape Cod Hos-

pital in Hyannis, where he was pronounced dead, State Police spokesman David Procopio said. The beach on the side of the cape facing the Atlantic Ocean has been closed to swimming.

The family of the victim was notified of the death but his name was not released, Procopio said.

It was the first fatal shark attack in Massachusetts since 1936, and the second shark attack this season.

A 61-year-old New York man was severely injured Aug. 15 after fighting off a shark off Truro, about 4 miles north of Saturday's attack. He's currently recovering in a Boston hospital.

"Today is just keeping everyone out of water," Wellfleet Police Lt. Michael Hurley said. "There'll be a determination later about what the town wants to do with the beaches going forward."

## NASA satellite designed to measure Earth's ice changes is launched

Associated Press

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A NASA satellite designed to precisely measure changes in Earth's ice sheets, glaciers, sea ice and vegetation was launched into polar orbit from California early Saturday.

A Delta 2 rocket carrying ICESat-2 lifted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 6:02 a.m. and headed over the Pacific Ocean.

NASA Earth Science Division director Michael Freilich said that the mission in particular will advance knowledge of how the ice sheets of Greenland and Antarctica contribute to sea level rise.

The melt from those ice sheets alone has raised global sea level by more than 1 millimeter per year recently, according to NASA.

The mission is a successor to the original Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite that operated from 2003 to 2009. Measurements continued

since then with airborne instruments in NASA's Operation IceBridge.

Built by Northrop Grumman, ICESat-2 carries a single instrument, a laser altimeter that measures height by determining how long it takes photons to travel from the spacecraft to Earth and back. According to NASA, it will collect more than 250 times as many measurements as the first ICESat.

The laser is designed to fire 10,000 times per second, divided into six beams of hundreds of trillions of photons. The round trip is timed to a billionth of a second.

In addition to ice, the satellite's other measurements, such as of the tops of trees, snow and river heights, might help with research into the amount of carbon stored in forests, flood and drought planning and wildfire behavior, among other uses.

The launch was the last for a Delta 2 rocket, United Launch Alliance said.



MATT HARTMAN/AP

A Delta 2 rocket lifts off from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., on Saturday carrying ICESat-2

## NATION

# US Border Patrol agent charged in deaths of 4 women

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas authorities charged a U.S. Border Patrol supervisor with murder following what they described as the serial killing of four female sex workers and a possible attempt on the life of a fifth woman who escaped at a gas station and found help.

Juan David Ortiz, 35, an intel supervisor for the Border Patrol, was charged with four counts of murder and aggravated assault and unlawful restraint, Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said in a tweet.

Ortiz was arrested after the fifth woman managed to flee. State troopers found Ortiz hiding in a truck in a hotel parking lot in Laredo around 2 a.m. Saturday. The border city is about 145 miles southwest of San Antonio.

"We do consider this to be a serial killer," Alaniz said.

Alaniz said that after the suspect picked up the fifth woman she quickly realized that she was

in danger.

"When she tried to escape from him at a gas station that's when she ran into a (state) trooper," Alaniz said.

**'We do consider this to be a serial killer.'**

**Isidro Alaniz**  
Webb County district attorney

but the nationalities of the other two were not yet known. All of them were working as prostitutes and one was a transgender woman, he said.

"The manner in which they were killed is similar in all the cases from the evidence," said Alaniz.

He declined to discuss the evidence or say how the women were

He said that authorities believe Ortiz had killed all four women since Sept. 3. The names of the victims were not immediately released. Alaniz said two of them were U.S. citizens.



DANNY ZARAGOZA, THE LAREDO (TEXAS) MORNING TIMES/AP

**Law enforcement officers gather near the scene where the body of a woman was found near Interstate 35 north of Laredo, Texas, on Saturday. A U.S. Border Patrol agent suspected of killing four women was arrested early Saturday.**

killed.

Alaniz said investigators are still trying to determine a motive for the killings. Authorities said they believe Ortiz acted alone.

"It's interesting that he would be observing and watching as law enforcement was looking for the killer, that he would be reporting to work every day like normal,"

Alaniz said.

Ortiz was a 10-year veteran of the Border Patrol. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a statement saying that it was fully cooperating with the investigation.

"Our sincerest condolences go out to the victims' family and friends. While it is CBP policy to

not comment on the details of an ongoing investigation, criminal action by our employees is not, and will not be tolerated," the agency said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, whose Texas Rangers are investigating, did not return several messages seeking comment.

## Experts disagree on whether Dallas officer could be credible

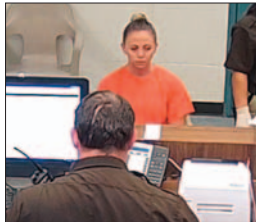
By NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Dallas police officer's explanation that she killed a neighbor who lived above her because she mistook his apartment for her own has been dismissed as implausible and self-serving by his family and their lawyers.

Experts on police training and psychologists, however, are split as to the credibility of Officer Amber Guyger's story about how she came to kill Botham Jean, 26, and that credibility will be key to whether a grand jury will indict Guyger and whether she could persuade a trial jury that the killing was tragic but justifiable.

Guyger, 30, has been booked on an initial charge of manslaughter in the Sept. 6 killing of Jean, whose funeral was Thursday, exactly a week after the deadly encounter. Guyger told investigators that she parked on the wrong floor of her building after returning home from work late that night and she mistakenly entered Jean's apartment, which was right above her third-floor unit.

She said it was dark inside and she thought Jean was a burglar, and that she



KAUFMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL/JP

**This photo from video released by the Kaufman County (Texas) Sheriff's Office shows Dallas police Officer Amber Guyger being booked on Sept. 9.**

shot him after he didn't obey her "verbal commands." She said she realized she wasn't in her own home only after she had shot him and turned on the lights.

Lawyers for the Jean family have criti-

cized the handling of the investigation, alleging that Guyger has been given preferential treatment. They have also criticized Guyger's version of events, saying it is meant to portray her actions in the best light.

"Botham Jean is not here to give his version of what happened because he's dead," said one family lawyer, Benjamin Crump.

Some experts who aren't connected to the case say Guyger should have recognized what was really going on and stopped short of using deadly force.

"Law enforcement has no place for fearful officers," said Jameca Woody Falconer, a police psychologist based in St. Louis. "Fearful officers make hasty decisions and bad decisions. In this situation, the officer allowed her fear to influence her decision-making and it cost an innocent man his life."

Falconer said Guyger should have been better trained to de-escalate any conflict with Jean once the two saw each other, and to determine quickly that she was in the wrong apartment.

Others say that even though Guyger was

in the wrong apartment, she could have had a reasonable belief that she was defending her life and her property.

"This is a question about her using deadly force and whether you could say, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that there is no reasonable view of what she did," said Eugene O'Donnell, a former police officer and prosecutor who is now a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

O'Donnell said it would require a full investigation to determine all the factors that went into her shooting Jean, and that one or two details could make a difference.

All of the experts agreed that many more questions would have to be answered before Guyger's credibility could be judged. They include whether Guyger was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, her level of fatigue, any history of emotional or medical problems, or any history she may have had with Jean, though initial reports suggested the two did not know each other. Authorities haven't released the recording of Guyger's 911 call or the results of her toxicology tests.

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Jerry Jacka departs a trailhead on his mountain bike at Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge outside Denver on Saturday, the first day the refuge was open to the public.

# Former Colorado nuke site opens to public

By DAN ELLIOTT  
Associated Press

DENVER — Cyclists and hikers explored a newly opened wildlife refuge at the site of a former nuclear weapons plant in Colorado on Saturday, while a protester in a gas mask brought signs warning about the dangers of plutonium.

With no fanfare, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened the gates of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on the perimeter of a government factory that made plutonium triggers for nuclear bombs for nearly four decades.

Spread across a rolling, wind-swept plateau 16 miles northwest of downtown Denver, the refuge is a rare oasis of tallgrass prairie, with bears, elk, falcons, songbirds and hundreds of other species. The refuge offers sweeping panoramas of the Rocky Mountain foothills and Denver's skyscrapers.

"You get these incredible views," said Jerry Jacka, who spent two hours mountain-biking at the refuge Saturday.

Jacka said he was not worried about his safety, despite lawsuits and protests by people who argued the government has not tested the refuge thoroughly enough to make sure people are safe using it.

"I don't believe that they're covering up any sort of information about pollutants and radioactive elements and stuff in the soil," Jacka said.

The government built plutonium triggers at Rocky Flats from 1952 to 1989, a history marred by

fires, leaks and spills. The plant was shut down after a criminal investigation into environmental violations.

The U.S. Energy Department, which oversaw the plant, said it found 62 pounds of plutonium stuck in exhaust ducts of buildings.

Rockwell International, the contractor then operating the plant, was fined \$18.5 million after pleading guilty in 1992 to charges that included mishandling chemical and radioactive material.

## The cleanup

The weapons complex covered 2 square miles at the center of the site. It was cleaned up at a cost of \$7 billion but remains off-limits to the public. The 8-square-mile buffer zone surrounding the manufacturing site was turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a refuge.

About 10 miles of trails are now open at the refuge. Visitors are told to stay on the paths and not wander the grasslands.

State and federal health officials say the site is safe, but some people worry that plutonium particles eluded the cleanup and could be sprinkled over the refuge, where hikers and cyclists could stir them up or track them home. At least seven Denver-area school districts have barred school-sanctioned field trips to the refuge.

If inhaled, plutonium can lodge in lung tissue, where it can kill lung cells and cause scarring, which in turn can cause lung disease and cancer, according to the

federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You have a situation where you still have plutonium in the soil being disturbed by the wildlife and the weather," said Stephen Parlato, his voice muffled by the gas mask he wore at a refuge trailhead Saturday.

Parlato said the mask had a filter capable of blocking plutonium particles and that he wore it for protection, not for show.

"You even have school districts that have gone on the record to say they do not allow their students to come on trips here. This is an ongoing danger," he said.

Jon Simon, another cyclist who rode the refuge trails Saturday, said he doubted he would develop plutonium-related health problems in his lifetime, but worried that children might be vulnerable.

"I wouldn't want to walk my kid through here every day in the morning for our morning walk or something like that," he said. "But I'm old enough. ... That's not what's going to get me."

The opening was in the works for months but was thrown into doubt Friday afternoon when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who oversees the Fish and Wildlife Service, said he wanted to wait for more information about safety.

An hour later, the Interior Department said a review was complete and the refuge would open. Department spokeswoman Faith Vander Voort did not respond to an email seeking more information about the review.



Above: Stephen Parlato wears a gas mask at the refuge next to his sign warning about the dangers of plutonium. Below: Jon Simon takes a break after a mountain bike ride.



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## NATION



VERSARE SOLUTIONS/TNS

This room divider is being marketed to schools as a rapidly deployable, bullet-resistant partition.

## Minneapolis company rolls out bullet-resistant school dividers

By PAUL WALSH

(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

A Minneapolis company is producing what it says is the first bullet-resistant portable room divider designed specifically for rapid deployment in schools.

Versare Solutions on Wednesday unveiled its Portable Shield Partition, which the maker says "can withstand multiple impacts by .44 magnum and 9mm ammunition."

The company calls the partition a first-of-its-kind product after its research turned up "nothing specifically for schools of this style, marketing manager Didier Foley said. "There are cubicles for governments, workplaces and banks, but nothing specifically for schools."

Foley said company leaders had some hesitation about rolling out a product that overtly addresses the problem of school shootings.

"It's a sensitive topic," said Foley, who has a 3-year-old daughter and a brother still in high school. "It's something that is needed, but not something that we wanted (to produce)."

Foley said the folding dividers are visually indistinguishable from the ones Versare has been making for years without the added protection, to avoid having them "look like an armored window. We didn't want to [create] that level of fear and concern in the classroom."

Versare said one of the two layers of traditional honeycomb backing on the partition is replaced with a layer of ballistic material, which makes the product "functional and fearless," a post on the company website reads.

Teachers can use the divider, which lists for \$3,459, as they usually would — posting papers or art projects and creating private spaces within a room. Or the rolling partitions, which stand 6 feet 8 inches tall and can be collapsed down to 33 inches wide, can be set off to the side until needed.

"It can be set up in 8 to 10 seconds and reach up to nearly 20 feet wide, Foley said. "Ideally, it's already being used to separate space. Or it can be sitting in a corner. Slide it out and put it out."

Gary Amoroso, executive di-

rector of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, said he's not familiar with the product, but "if a school district felt it was in the best interest of their students and staff and a good use of resources, so be it."

Amoroso said that for the nearly 20 years since the Columbine school shooting in Colorado, "the entire conversation has been about maintaining safety. Every time we seen another incident at a school, that anxiety gets notched up."

Andy Skoogman, executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, gave a cautious assessment.

"Our organization is supportive of any product that can help improve safety in our schools," Skoogman said. "That said, no product is a panacea. Safe schools are predicated on several factors, including — but not limited to — proper emergency operations planning, a commitment to key community partnerships, a priority on anti-bullying initiatives and school designs that emphasize safety."

"The heart-wrenching tragedies of Maribeth Gonzalez and Isabel Celis' murders have been compounded by a very long, long wait for justice," she said.



Clements

## Man charged with killing 2 Ariz. girls who disappeared

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A registered sex offender jailed since last year has been charged in the kidnapping and killing of two Arizona girls who went missing in 2012 and April, authorities announced Saturday.

Christopher Matthew Clements, 36, was indicted Friday by a grand jury on 21 criminal counts, including murder and kidnapping charges, in the deaths of Isabel Celis, 6, and Maribel Gonzalez, 13, Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus said.

Celis was missing from her Tucson home in April 2012, and her body was discovered in what was described as a rural area in March 2017.

Gonzalez's body was discovered in June 2014 in the Avra Valley community near Tucson, not far from where Celis' remains would be found three years later.

Magnus and other officials held a news conference to announce the indictment. But they declined to answer questions from reporters and did not disclose how the girls died or what prompted authorities to investigate Clements in the killings except to say that the FBI in 2017 learned Clements might have information

about the death of Celis.

He then provided information to authorities that led to the discovery of Celis' remains, Magnus said. Investigators later recovered additional pieces of evidence, but they did not describe Saturday what they had found.

Clements already had been in a Phoenix-area jail for more than a year, facing other charges, when the indictment was issued.

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall called the identification of Clements as the alleged killer of the girls "long overdue."

"The heart-wrenching tragedies of Maribeth Gonzalez and Isabel Celis' murders have been compounded by a very long, long wait for justice," she said.

## Trump plans new tariffs on \$200B in Chinese goods

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The Washington Post

President Donald Trump has decided to impose tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods, two people briefed on the decision said, one of the most severe economic restrictions ever imposed by a U.S. president.

An announcement is expected to come within days, the people said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal plans.

The new tariffs would apply to more than 1,000 products, including refrigerators, air conditioners, furniture, televisions and toys. Those penalties could drive up the costs of a range of products ahead of the holiday shopping season, though it's unclear how much.

Apple said recently its Apple Watch, AirPods, MacMini and a variety of chargers and adapters would be caught in the tariff war.

Our concern with these tariffs is that the U.S. will be hardest hit, and that will result in lower U.S. growth and competitiveness and higher prices for U.S. consumers," the company said in a letter to the U.S. Trade representative. "The burden of the proposed tariffs will fall much more heavily on the United States than on China."

Trump has ordered aides to set the tariffs at 10 percent, which is likely to lead to higher prices for American consumers. The tariffs are paid by U.S. companies that import the products, and the companies are likely to pass the costs along to U.S. consumers in the form of higher prices.

The U.S. imports roughly \$500 billion worth of Chinese goods each year, and — combined with existing tariffs — the new penalties would cover half of all goods sent to the U.S. from China.

The 10 percent tariff was scaled back from Trump's initial plan to impose 25 percent penalties on all of these imports. But the impact is still likely to be felt by millions of American consumers.

A White House spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment Saturday afternoon.

On Friday, deputy White House press secretary Lindsay Walters said: "The president has been clear that he and his administration will continue to take action to address China's unfair trade practices. We encourage China to address the long-standing concerns raised by the United States."

Trump's top advisers have been united behind his effort to push China to change its economic practices, but they have been divided on his tactics. Some have advocated a more cautious, diplomatic approach.

But Trump has signaled that he thinks only the threat of real economic pain will push Beijing to make major changes. He recently boasted that he "thinks China's economy is suffering because of his tough policies."

Trump has accused China of a number of unfair trade practices. He wants China to take steps including buying more American products, opening itself up to more U.S. investment and ending what he says is its theft of U.S. intellectual property.

The tariffs come as a number of top White House advisers have been trying to de-escalate tensions between Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Chinese leaders have vowed to retaliate against any escalation of the trade battle with punitive steps of their own, and Trump's move could push Beijing further toward such action.

Trump's decision was reported first by the Wall Street Journal.

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## WORLD

## Skepticism about summit rising in S. Korea

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The shine is starting to come off South Korean President Moon Jae-in's engagement strategy with the North.

The liberal politician, who reversed nearly a decade of the conservative, hard-line policy toward North Korea after his election last year, is preparing for a third summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un amid growing public skepticism about his approach.

Moon, who goes to Pyongyang on Tuesday, has seen his approval rating fall to 49 percent in a recent Gallup Korea survey, the first time it dipped below 50 percent since he took office in May 2017 promising better ties with North Korea and political reform. Moon's approval rating stood at 83 percent after his first summit with Kim in April.

South Koreans are divided over whether this week's summit in Pyongyang will help break a stalemate over nuclear diplomacy between the U.S. and North Korea, according to another survey released in early Sep-

**‘Our people are beginning to learn that North Korea will not easily give up its nukes, something many experts had already repeatedly predicted.’**

Kim Taewoo

former president of the Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul

tember. By comparison, surveys after the April summit found overwhelming support for Moon from a public fascinated with the historic handshakes, border crossings and other dramatic scenes the two leaders produced after years of rising tensions.

“Our people are beginning to learn that North Korea will not easily give up its nukes, something that many experts had already repeatedly predicted,” said Kim Taewoo, former president of the government-funded Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul.

Moon may face increasing difficulties if his summit with Kim in Pyongyang fails to make tangible progress on efforts to get North Korea to scrap its nuclear weapons

program. Economic woes such as a lackluster job-market growth and soaring real estate prices are compounding Moon's problems, adding to opposition to his North Korea policy, many experts say.

“If Moon fails to address economic problems, he can't maintain public contentment with his government only with his North Korea policy,” said Nam Sung-wook, a professor at Korea University. “If the economy gets worse, many people will demand that Moon stop looking to North Korea and start resolving our own economic problems.”

Moon knows how important public support is for his North Korea policy. Most major detente projects with North Korea started by his liberal predecessors during a

1998-2008 “Sunshine Era” were suspended after conservatives took power. Moon hasn't been able to revive them because of U.S.-led economic sanctions on North Korea.

Liberal presidents Kim Dae-jung and Roh Moo-hyun endured withering conservative criticism that their little-strings-attached shipments of aid and cooperation projects with North Korea helped finance the North's weapons program. Moon served as Roh's chief of staff and was in charge of preparations for Roh's 2007 summit with Kim's father, former North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

South Korean politics is characterized by a fundamental conservative-liberal divide over how to view North Korea. Liberals want to reconcile with North Korea, while conservatives see it more as an enemy state that poses a significant security threat.

Moon's conservative predecessors, Park Geun-hye and Lee Myung-bak, faced harsh criticism from liberals that their hard-line stances only led North Korea to carry out more weapons tests and attacks, such as two in 2010 that killed 50 South Koreans.

## Typhoon Mangkhut slams into southern China after deadly blitz in Philippines

By VINCENT YU  
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Associated Press

HONG KONG — Typhoon Mangkhut barreled into southern China on Sunday, killing two people after lashing the Philippines with strong winds and heavy rain that left at least 64 dead and dozens more feared buried in a landslide.

More than 2.4 million people were evacuated in southern China's Guangdong province by Sunday evening to flee the massive typhoon, and nearly 50,000 fishing boats were called back to port, state media reported. It threatened to be the strongest typhoon to hit Hong Kong in nearly two decades.

“Prepare for the worst,” Hong Kong Security Minister John Lee Ka-chiu urged residents.

That warning came after Mangkhut's devastating march through the northern Philippines, where the storm made landfall Saturday on Luzon island with sustained winds of 127 miles per hour and gusts of 158 mph.

Dozens of people, mostly miners and their families, were feared to have been trapped by a landslide in the far-flung village of Ucab in Ilogon town in the northern Philippine mountain province of Benguet, Ilogon Mayor Victorio Palagdan told The Associated Press by phone.

Police Superintendent Pelita Tacio said 34 villagers had died and 29 were missing, including 15 on the landslides in Ucab and another village in Ilogon.

As Mangkhut spun forward, Hong Kong braced for a storm that could be the strongest to hit the city since Typhoon York in 1999.

A video posted online by resi-

dents showed the top corner of an old building break and fall off, while in another video, a tall building swayed as strong winds blew.

The storm shattered glass windows on commercial skyscrapers in Hong Kong, sending sheets of paper pouring out of the buildings, fluttering and spiraling as they headed for the debris-strewn ground, according to several videos posted on social media.

Mangkhut also felled trees, tore bamboo scaffolding off buildings under construction and flooded some areas of Hong Kong with waist-high waters, according to the South China Morning Post.

The storm made landfall in the Guangdong city of Taishan at 5 p.m., packing wind speeds of 100 miles per hour. State television broadcaster CCTV reported that surging waves flooded a seaside hotel in the city of Shenzhen.

In Macau, next door to Hong Kong, casinos were ordered to close from 11 p.m. Saturday, the first time such action was taken in the city, the South China Morning Post reported. In the city's inner harbor district, the water level reached 5 feet on Sunday and was expected to rise further. The area was one of the most affected by floods from Typhoon Hato, which left 10 people dead last year.

Authorities in southern China issued a red alert, the most severe warning, as the national meteorological center said the densely populated region would face a “severe test caused by wind and rain” and urged officials to prepare for possible disasters.

Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific said all of its flights would be canceled between 2:30 a.m. Sunday and 4 a.m. Monday. The city of Shenzhen also canceled all flights between Sunday and early Monday morning. Hainan Airlines



VINCENT YU/AP

People walk through floodwaters from Typhoon Mangkhut on Sunday on the waterfront in Hong Kong.



MAO SIQIAN, XINHUA NEWS AGENCY/AP

People with umbrellas walk against strong winds from Typhoon Mangkhut in Shenzhen in south China's Guangdong province.

canceled 234 flights in the cities of Haikou, Sanya, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai scheduled over the weekend.

All high-speed and some normal rail services in Guangdong and Hainan provinces were also halted, the China Railway Guangzhou Group Co. said.

In the Philippines, rescuers for the Ilogon landslide were

hampered by rain and mud. The search and rescue operation was suspended at nightfall and was to resume at daybreak Monday, said Palagdan, the mayor. Police and their vehicles could not immediately reach the landslide-hit area because the ground was unstable and soaked from the heavy rains, regional police chief Rolando Nana told the ABS-CBN TV network.

Overall, at least 64 people have died in typhoon-related incidents in the northern Philippines, mostly from landslides and collapsed houses, according to the national police. Forty-five other people were missing and 33 were injured in the storm.

The hardest-hit area was Benguet province, where 38 people died, mostly in the two landslides in Ilogon, and 37 are missing, the police said.

Still, the Philippines appeared to have been spared the high number of casualties many had feared. In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan left more than 7,300 people dead or missing, flattened villages and displaced more than 5 million in the central Philippines. A massive evacuation ahead of Mangkhut helped lessen potential casualties, with about 87,000 people evacuating from high-risk areas, officials said.

The typhoon struck at the start of the rice and corn harvesting season in the Philippines' northern breadbasket, prompting farmers to scramble to save what they could of their crops, Cagayan Gov. Manuel Mamba said.

## NATION

**Pope gives gift, jokes: Don't pay for it**

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis had a surprise for the 35,000 people in St. Peter's Square — tiny crucifixes.

Speaking to pilgrims, tourists and Romans on Sunday, Francis quipped that because it's a gift, "if someone says you must pay for it, he's being shrewd" and there's nothing to pay. Employing a familiar Italian gesture signaling shrewdness, Francis jokingly put a finger under an eye.

**Sweden gives final vote tally amid uncertainty**

HELSINKI — Swedish officials have officially confirmed the ruling Social Democratic Party won the most votes in the Sept. 9 general election despite a record-low result and the far-right Sweden Democrats getting a big boost amid growing anti-immigration sentiment.

Election officials presented the final tally Sunday that showed Prime Minister Stefan Löfven's Social Democrats getting 28.3 percent, the center-right Moderate Party 19.8 percent and the Sweden Democrats 17.5 percent.

The result means Sweden will face weeks of political uncertainty amid expected government-formation talks.

**Widow's husband's ashes stolen in UK**

LONDON — British police are asking the public to help identify two men suspected of stealing the ashes of an elderly woman's husband along with cash, bank cards and jewelry.

Police released images of the suspects Sunday. Detective Robert Costigan called it a "particularly harrowing crime" that has had a devastating impact on the 83-year-old victim.

Police said a man posing as a plumber persuaded the woman to let him into her home in the south-eastern London suburb of Greenwich, saying there was a leak.

When the man left, the woman realized that items had been stolen.

**Number in suspect's file reached Russia military**

MOSCOW — Two journalists say the passport file of one of the Russians in the poisoning of a Russian former double agent and his daughter in England contains a telephone number that appears to belong to Russia's Defense Ministry.

Bellicast, an online investigative organization headquartered in England, published a phone number Friday that it said came from what it described as the passport records of Alexander Petrov, one of the two men British authorities charged in the poisonings and alleged were Russian military intelligence agents.

The number does not bear a city code. Oliver Carroll, of British newspaper The Independent, and Patrick Reevell, of ABC News, tweeted that they called it using a Moscow prefix and the person who answered said they'd reached a Defense Ministry number.

From The Associated Press



Crime scene workers cover the bodies of victims of a shooting Friday in Garibaldi Plaza in Mexico City.

# Gunmen in mariachi garb kill 5, wound 8 in Mexico

By AMY GUTHRIE  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans heading into the weekend's Independence Day celebrations were jolted by a brazen shooting by men dressed as mariachi musicians who killed five people and wounded eight in Garibaldi Plaza, a famed square in the capital where the bands serenade tourists.

The Mexico City prosecutors' office said at least one foreigner was among those wounded in Friday night's attack, which local media said was staged by three gunmen. Four people died initially and a fifth died of her wounds at a hospital Saturday afternoon, authorities said.

The news outlet La Silla Rota circulated surveillance video of the assailants wearing traditional embroidered jackets and pants as they fled on motorcycles.

The shooting cast a bloody pall over Independence Day festivities. Many Mexicans wore mariachi costumes, a symbol of national pride, on Saturday night to commemorate the launch of the revolt against Spanish rule on Sept. 16, 1810. It is also the busiest time of year for Garibaldi Plaza, a beloved-but-seedy square that draws heavily on Mexican folklore.

Lisa Sanchez, director of Mexicans United Against Delinquency, described the shooting as a "piercing portrait" of Mexico. The shooting in a crowded public square demonstrates that impunity prevails in the country, she said.

The prosecutors' office said investigators were trying to find those responsible for the attack. Few crimes in Mexico are solved.

On Saturday night, President Enrique Pena Nieto was to shout "Viva Mexico" — or "Long Live

Mexico" — shortly before midnight from a balcony of the National Palace. Thousands crowd into Mexico City's central Zocalo square every year to hear the shout, and the celebration usually spills into Garibaldi Plaza.

Business quickly resumed around the square following the shooting. Videos circulating on social media showed musicians playing their music in the plaza about the time of the shooting without skipping a beat.

In one video, a man plucking a large harp continues to belt out the Mexican civil war anthem "La Cucaracha" as dozens of gunshots can be heard in the background.

In another, brass instruments and melancholic voices fill the air as the flashing lights of police vehicles descend on the plaza. Patrons continued downing tequilas and eating tacos.

## Israeli official: Dismiss US envoy over aide scandal

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — An opposition Israeli lawmaker on Sunday called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to dismiss his ambassador to the U.S. for failing to report sexual assault allegations against a top Netanyahu aide, ballooning an already embarrassing scandal for the Israeli leader.

Karin Elharrar, of the centrist Yesh Atid party, said Ron Dermer should be recalled from Washington for not reporting the warnings he received about David Keyes, Netanyahu's spokesman to foreign media. She also lashed out at Netanyahu himself for staying mum on an issue that has engulfed his close associates.

"His silence is thundering. I would expect from the prime minister a clear condemnation, if not at least a mention that the allegations were being looked into," Elharrar told The Associated Press. "Who, if not the prime minister, should be an example on this matter? It's time that this issue of sexual harassment be at the top of his agenda."

Last week, Julia Salazar, a candidate for New York's state senate, accused Keyes of sexually assaulting her five years ago. Wall Street Journal reporter Shayndi Raice tweeted she, too, had a "terrible encounter" with Keyes before he became Netanyahu's spokesman. She described him as a "predator" and someone who had "absolutely no conception of the word 'no.'"

At least a dozen other women have come forward since with varying allegations, some of which are said to have been committed since Keyes took up his current position in early 2016. Keyes, 34, denies the allegations, saying all "are deeply misleading and many of them are categorically false." Keyes said he has taken a leave of absence amid the uproar to try to clear his name.

During the weekend, Dermer confirmed he was warned in late 2016 by New York Times columnist Bret Stephens, then of the Wall Street Journal, about Keyes' aggressive behavior toward women.

## Ethiopian, Eritrean leaders sign accord in Saudi Arabia

By JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Leaders from Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a "peace agreement" on Sunday during a summit in Saudi Arabia, yet another sign of warming ties between two nations that have faced decades of war and unease.

Terms of the agreement signed by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki weren't immediately clear. Saudi authorities did not respond to specific questions about the accord, which had been described earlier as being a further endorsement of a historic deal reached be-

tween the two nations in July.

"The peace deal resulted in restoration of normal relations between the countries, on the basis of the close bonds of geography, history and culture between the two nations and their peoples," Saudi Arabia said in a statement Sunday, calling the accord the "Jiddah Agreement."

"The kingdom of Saudi Arabia praised the leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea for exercising leadership and courage to restore the brotherly relations between the two countries, thus forming the foundation for a new phase that will bring significant developments in the relations between the two nations in all fields," the statement added.

Saudi King Salman and his son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, 33, were on hand for the summit in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah. Also attending were Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The Ethiopian and Eritrean leaders also were awarded for their efforts the Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud Medal, the kingdom's highest civilian honor.

Abiy and Isaias signed a "Joint Declaration of Peace and Friendship" on July 9, ending 20 years of hostility and formally restoring diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police, fire recruits quizzed about sex lives

**OH** CINCINNATI — Police and fire recruits in Cincinnati are being asked about their sexual history in an attempt to evaluate their character. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported the city's application process includes questions about applicants' "most unusual sex acts" and how many times they've had sex outdoors.

Local police union president Dan Hills told the Enquirer he supports questions that might indicate recruits' "law-breaking exposure" but doesn't see how questions about lawful, private matters would be relevant.

Cincinnati officials say the questions are used to gauge recruits' reactions and responses to difficult questions.

## Couple charged after child left in woods

**MN** ST. PETER — A man and woman in southern Minnesota were accused of dropping off a 5-year-old boy in the woods as punishment for wetting himself.

Officials said Lynda Michel, 42, and Gregory Wilson, 32, were charged Friday in Nicollet County District Court with child neglect.

Authorities said the boy was found walking south of St. Peter on Aug. 28. He was crying and wet from rain when a motorist spotted him. He told authorities he had been dropped off because he had been "naughty."

Police found the couple searching for the child, but they had not called to report him missing.

## 2 endangered barn owls released into wild

**IN** BLOOMINGTON — Two rare barn owls have been released in an area of southern Indiana where wildlife experts suspect another of the raptors is living.

The two female owls were released Wednesday inside a Monroe County pole barn that's fitted with an opening that leads to a nesting box for the state endangered owl species.

The owls were placed inside the box in the hopes that they'll use it as their home base.

Amesha White of Wildcare, told The Herald-Times there's evidence, including droppings, suggesting a male barn owl lives nearby.

## James River Island set for purchase

**VA** RICHMOND — It's not often that an avid outdoorsman gets to buy his own island.

But a Richmond man expects to be the proud new owner of a one-acre island in the middle of the James River.

Andy Thompson, the co-creator of the RVA Osprey Cam and the website Richmondoutside.com, expects to finalize the purchase of Sharp's Island later this month. Two friends went in on the purchase. The listing price



GREG EANS, THE (OWENSBORO, KY.) MESSENGER-INQUIRER/AP

## No thru traffic

Grant Hagan, 8, rides a hoverboard across the Glover Cary Bridge as his grandfather, Donnie Hagan, follows on a bicycle during Bridge Day in Owensboro, Ky., on Saturday.

was \$44,000. The island is unimprovable, which means Thompson won't be able to build a structure on it. But the island has a sandy beach, offers grand views of the city and is known as a great fishing spot.

## Jewish collector's family gets looted Renoir back

**NY** NEW YORK — The granddaughter of a Jewish art collector whose paintings were stolen by the Nazis was reunited with one of the works, an Impressionist piece by Pierre-Auguste Renoir.

Sylvie Sulitzer saw "Two Women in a Garden" for the first time on Wednesday at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage. The ceremony included the law enforcement officials who helped get the painting back to her. Sulitzer's grandfather, Alfred Weinberger, was an art collector in Paris who put some of his paintings in a bank vault before fleeing the Nazis.

Nazi records show they raided the vault and took Weinberger's paintings, including the Renoir.

## Man accused of stealing and reselling stamps

**FL** JACKSONVILLE — A Florida man is accused

of using company checks from his employer to buy \$5.4 million worth of postage stamps that were then resold through another company.

The Florida Times-Union reported that Duane Allen Sikes, 64, was indicted on charges of mail fraud and fund embezzlement.

The indictment said the company provided weekly checks addressed to the "U.S. Postmaster" for Sikes to buy company postage. It said every other week Sikes instead bought stamps that were shipped to a New York-based stamp company that sold them at below market value.

## Vet, massacre victim to get Purple Heart

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas at Little Rock said the family of a black veteran who was murdered during a massacre in Arkansas 99 years ago will receive a posthumous Purple Heart and other World War I honors after a researcher discovered his army medical records were altered.

History professor Brian Mitchell said that while researching the 1919 Elaine massacre, he investigated the case of Leroy Johnston, who was wounded in France, Mitchell said Johnston's medical records were "intention-

ally" altered from "severely" to "slightly" wounded, denying him service awards.

Johnston, his brothers and hundreds of other blacks were killed by a posse after two white men were shot.

## Museum gets \$525K gift from member

**CA** LOS ANGELES — The Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles said it has received a gift of more than \$525,000 from a member who died last year.

The downtown museum announced that the donation from Setsuko Oka will go toward exhibitions and programs focused on Japanese artistic and cultural heritage in the United States.

City News Service said a plaque honoring Oka's parents also will be placed at the museum, per the terms of her bequest.

## Sheep running loose on road captured

**MI** FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP — Authorities said sheep running loose on a southeastern Michigan roadway were safely captured and await a reunion with their owner. Monroe County sheriff's officials said Friday the three sheep

were found in Frenchtown Township Sept. 8. They were taken to a nearby animal rescue and rehabilitation facility.

Police said the owners have 15 days to reclaim the animals.

## Man shaving aboard train violated rules

**NJ** NEWARK — A man caught on video lathering up and giving himself a shave while riding on a New Jersey Transit train was violating the transit agency's rules.

A fellow rider on the Northeast Corridor line train took the video and posted it to Twitter, where it drew lots of attention. Some commenters said they were impressed by the unidentified man's shaving skills, while others felt "grossed out" by what they saw.

NJ Transit said it prohibits bathing or shaving in its facilities or aboard trains and buses. Conductors have the authority to ask customers to stop and, if they refuse, the conductor can notify police.

Pete Bentivenga, who posted the video, told NJ.com it was "one of the strangest things I've seen" in his nearly 20 years as a commuter.

From wire reports



## FACES

Kristen Stewart, left, and Chloe Sevigny pose for a portrait in Los Angeles in August to promote their film "Lizzie," a provocative "Lizzie Borden biopic."

REBECCA CABAGE, INVISION/AP



## New take

### Sevigny, Stewart on Lizzie Borden and directing

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

**C**hloe Sevigny has been trying to do a fresh take on the Lizzie Borden tale for over a decade.

A fateful trip to the house in Fall River, Mass., convinced her to look at Borden's life through a different, more empathetic lens, pulling back the curtain on the suffocating circumstances surrounding the infamous 1892 ex-murders of her father and stepmother and what might have driven her to do it. Borden was tried and

acquitted of the killings, but continues to be a source of intrigue today.

After years of false starts, "Lizzie," a tense and beautifully rendered psychological thriller co-starring Kristen Stewart as Bridget Sullivan, the maid and a pivotal figure in Borden's life, is finally making it to select theaters Sept. 14.

Sevigny, 43, and Stewart, 28, it girls of different generations, spoke to the AP about the shoot, why the nudity in it is "punk" and directing short films before features.

The following remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

**How did you decide to go after Kristen?**

**Sevigny:** Bryce (Kass), the writer, said Kristen and I was like 'Oh yeah. No one else.' So then we went about trying to seduce her.

**Stewart:** I'm really easy. It was not difficult.

**Visiting the house helped you figure out the story?**

**Sevigny:** It bore out our decision to tell the story this way. Not only were we interested in the love story, a tragic love story at that, and them both searching for freedom and finding each other, but also just the practicality that she (Bridget) was outside the house. There was no way she couldn't have known what was going on.

**Kristen what did you find compelling about Bridget?**

**Stewart:** I felt protective over her. She's got truly no voice. I really liked the kind of lens that she provided us of Lizzie. The way she saw her was really sweet and kind of innocent but also pure.

**It shows women at that time of different classes.**

**Sevigny:** They're all Andrew (Borden's) prisoners, and Abby and Emma and Bridget. We're all prisoners in this household together with no options.

**Tell me about the decision to be fully exposed in this film.**

**Sevigny:** The movie deserved it. That's what the movie needed. I think it was even my decision. I wanted the movie to have that. And I think it's kind of punk as a 43-year-old to be naked. I feel like we're bombarded with these beauty ideals and I am trying to in my small way (with my Instagram) to say look at this woman, look at Anna Magnani, she's a great beauty, and have girls see that and see more diversity and shapes and sizes and looks and know that these people are also appreciated for whatever they bring, not only their looks, but their talent.

**I saw on your Instagram that you two hung out at this bar, Original Pinkie Masters, during the shoot in Georgia.**

**Sevigny:** That was I think the first gay bar in Savannah. And there's an art school there so a lot of the art students and professors

would be there. It was a nice generation gap. They had a great jukebox with all this amazing obscure music and it was just our local.

**Stewart:** It's just a great bar.

**Sevigny:** Cool crowd. Nobody bothered her. They bothered me more than her.

**Stewart:** Which means it's a REAL cool bar.

**Sevigny:** It just means they're older.

**Why did you both start out directing shorts before features?**

**Sevigny:** I was frustrated as an actress, always giving myself over to someone else's vision. Not that I didn't always agree with their vision or wanted to be part of it or thought they were great filmmakers, but still you're not in the editing room, it's somebody else's thing. I wanted to have my own thing and express my own ideas and visions and loves.

**Stewart:** Yeah same, I started so young, I've never felt more seen or expressed or like allowed to really be as when you've really told a story well, one that got inside you. I don't draw a huge distinction between acting and directing. I think as an actor I love the indulgence, but I don't want to say lack of control because I'm very controlling. I'm always in the director's back pocket like, "How is this being seen?" I want to be able to fit into your frame perfectly. I want to know what it looks like.

**Sevigny:** I don't. I become too self-aware.

**Stewart:** But I wanted to do a short before a feature because I had never done it before. Straight-up.

And I love what shorts do for people's lives. I want to do weird things. You're not trying to entertain people, not that that's something that I'm not into, I'm into that too, but it's fun to do truly a free-verse poem.

**Sevigny:** More of an expression.

**Stewart:** It doesn't have to be an hour and-a-half, it doesn't have to be digestible. It just has to have a taste.

**Sevigny:** People are like why are you doing another short, why aren't you doing a feature? And I have such reverence for feature filmmakers, I'm not prepared yet. I still am experimenting and learning.

## Singing competition series adds a Legend as coach for Season 16

From wire reports

He mastered "Jesus Christ Superstar," but is John Legend ready to tackle "John Legend 'Voice' Coach?"

That's the question as NBC announced Sept. 12 that Legend, a newly crowned EGOT winner, will join "The Voice" as a coach in spring 2019 for the show's 16th season.

"I'm thrilled to join the coaches of 'The Voice,'" Legend said in a statement the network released. "I've been a guest and mentor on the show multiple times, and I'm so excited to discover talented singers and help them make the most of their gift. I hope the world is ready for #TeamJL."

Legend is joining a lineup of coaches boasting Kelly Clarkson, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton. Legend is one of the most decorated artists to serve as a coach in the show's history. Legend

won an Emmy on Sunday as a producer on "Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert," a Tony in 2017 for co-producing a revival of "Jitney," an Oscar in 2015 for co-writing best song "Glory," as well as amassing an astounding 10 Grammys throughout his career thus far.

### Emmy hosts ready

Emmy hosts Michael Che and Colin Hanks aren't concerned about juggling fun and politics at next week's ceremony.

Che said there will be political humor but the goal of the ceremony is to celebrate those who make TV and the shows that viewers enjoy.

The comedians anchor the Weekend Update segment on "Saturday Night Live," and the Emmy broadcast is being produced by "SNL" creator Lorne Michaels.

The top nominees include "The Handmaid's Tale," "Game of Thrones," "Atlanta" and "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel."

The Emmys will air Sept. 18 on AFN-Spectrum.

### Other news

■ Actor Kevin Hart has surprised the students of a Dallas high school by dropping in to be interim principal for a day. Hart told hundreds of cheering students at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts on Sept. 12 that under his leadership they would be eating "chicken nuggets every day." The comedian encouraged students at the arts-focused magnet school to believe in their talents and not be discouraged if they are rejected. He said they know better than anyone what they are capable of doing.

■ Julie Chen garnered a wave of criticism for the way she

seemed to support her husband, Les Moonves, following his exit from CBS amid a sexual misconduct scandal. Making her first TV appearance since Moonves resigned as CEO of CBS Corp., Chen signed off of "Big Brother" in a way she normally doesn't. By using her husband's last name, "From outside the 'Big Brother' house, I'm Julie Chen Moonves," she said. The broadcaster generally only identifies as Julie Chen on her TV shows. She did not otherwise address the misconduct allegations against her husband or his exit from the network.

■ Norm Macdonald on Sept. 13 issued his latest in a string of apologies for continuing to put his foot in his mouth. The "Saturday Night Live" veteran, whose promotional appearances for his upcoming Netflix talk show have turned into an apology tour, expressed regret on "The View" on Sept. 13 for the Down syndrome



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**John Legend will be a coach on the upcoming season of "The Voice."**

comment he made on "The Howard Stern Show" the day before. That ill-timed comment, of course, came as Macdonald was elaborating on his earlier apology regarding statements he made about the #MeToo movement and victims of sexual misconduct. Addressing his comments from Sept. 12's Stern interview, the comedian told "The View" panelists he realized that he had done "something unforgivable."

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Amazon patent puts workers in cages on robots

By Matt Day  
and Benjamin Romano  
The Seattle Times

A patent Amazon has received would pair humans and machines. In this case, the humans would be in a cage.

Illustrations that accompany the patent, which was granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark office in 2016, show a cage-like enclosure around a small work space sitting atop the kind of robotic trolleys that now drive racks of shelves around Amazon warehouses.

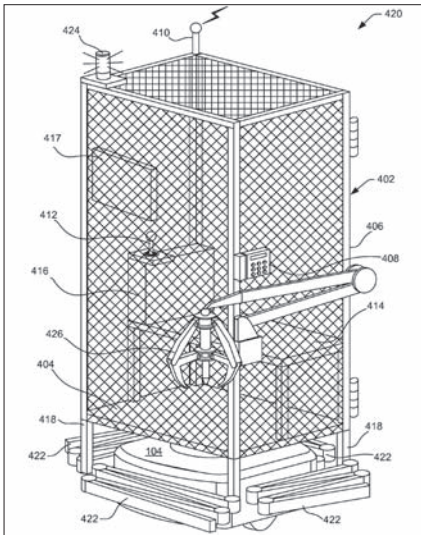
The patent was called "an extraordinary illustration of worker alienation, a stark moment in the relationship between humans and machines" by researchers who highlighted it in a study published Sept. 7.

Amazon says it never implemented the technology and has no plans to, but the design appeared to be an effort to allow humans to safely enter robot-only zones in Amazon's highly-automated depots to make repairs or pick up dropped objects.

In an Amazon facility in Kent, Wash., for example, 750-pound robots topped with shelves scout around an area surrounded by high chain-link fences, bringing merchandise such as iPhone cases and coffee mugs to waiting employees who place or retrieve items from windows built into the fence.

If an unauthorized human strays into the robot-only zone, the company says, an alarm is triggered and the devices are designed to shut down to avoid colliding with the person. Amazon, in its patent, suggested a way around that firm boundary between human and robot territory.

There may be circumstances where it is necessary for human operators to traverse, or otherwise



U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**Amazon in 2016 was granted a patent for a system to transport humans, enclosed in a cage and on top of a robotic trolley, for work in areas full of other automated robots.**

go into, an active work space," says the patent, which credits eight inventors in the Boston area, home of Amazon Robotics, which was formed through the acquisition of Kiva Systems in 2012.

Lindsay Campbell, an Amazon spokeswoman, said speculation about the company's use of the

patent was "misguided."

"Like many companies, we file a number of forward-looking patent applications," she said. Many don't see the light of day as finished products, particularly at Amazon, which encourages employees to experiment and invent. Such a cage-like device is not in

use in any Amazon fulfillment centers, Campbell said.

After this story was published online, Dave Clark, who oversees Amazon's warehouses and logistics work as senior vice president of operations, weighed in on Twitter to say the company had no plans to use the contraption.

Still, the company's patents often spark conjectures about Amazon's technology and business plans. Other Amazon patents have mused using wristbands to track workers' hand movements, dropping packages from drones 25 feet in the air, or having drones themselves link up to form a kind of floating warehouse.

A reference to the cage patent appears in a lengthy case study of the various systems that make up Amazon's Echo ecosystem, published Sept. 7 by Kate Crawford, a co-founder of the AI Now Institute at New York University, and Vladan Joler, a professor in the new media department at the University of Novi Sad in Serbia. Crawford is also a principal researcher at Microsoft Research.

Crawford and Joler, in the research work titled "Anatomy of an AI System," describe the patent: "It depicts a metal cage intended for the worker, equipped with different cybernetic add-ons, that can be moved through a warehouse by the same motorized system that shifts shelves filled with merchandise," they write. "Here, the worker becomes a part of a machinic ballet, held upright in a cage which dictates and constrains their movement."

Amazon, in its patent, suggested using what it calls a human transport device to bring workers near robots for situations like repair or removal of a malfunctioning trolley, or retrieving items that have fallen off robot-controlled shelves.

And Amazon envisioned plenty of automation with its human transport device.

In one scenario described by the patent, a robot that has failed could alert a computer system, automatically generating an order for repair, which it assigns to an available human transport device.

Which device receives the order could be determined by its location, or the schedule or the particular skills of the human located within.

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## OPINION

## Trump voters notice swamp isn't drained

By HELEINE OLEN  
Special To The Washington Post

Here's the thing about campaigning as an outsider, as Donald Trump did in 2016: If you win the election, you are the person in charge. You are expected to accomplish what you said you would do, or make a darn good effort to do so. And come the next election, it's all but impossible to pose as an insider. It defies common sense. If the man in the White House is an "outsider," then the term has lost all meaning.

That's one major takeaway from a recent Ohio focus group of swing voters hosted by Engagious, a political research firm. As Axios reports, the voters who voted for Barack Obama and then pulled a lever for Donald Trump still say they believe the overall economy is improving under Trump. But the longer they talked, the more it seemed they still felt left behind.

"They think President Donald Trump has failed at 'draining the swamp.' They think the Trump administration is corrupt. They don't think the GOP tax law has helped them and their families. And they're not feeling the 'booming economy.'"

Make no mistake, voters don't want to blame mysterious forces swirling around Trump, frustrating a well-meaning agenda. They know where the buck stops. As one voter told the group, "He's backed out of so many of his promises."

Trump's bogus promise to clean up the Washington swamp is high on the list. Trump made this the centerpiece of his campaign. He was, he assured us, the ultimate insider, who would use his savvy to help the common man and woman. He understood how money works, and money corrupts.

One example Trump used: how he gave money to Hillary Clinton would end his wedding to his current wife, Melania.

"I'll tell you what, with Hillary Clinton, I said, 'Be at my wedding,' and she came

**Make no mistake. These voters don't blame mysterious forces swirling around Trump, frustrating a well-meaning agenda. They know where the buck stops.**

to my wedding," Trump said in 2015. "You know why? She had no choice, because I gave."

This is one reason (beyond pure partisanship) that voters who supported Trump in 2016 forgave or ignored a multitude of scandals, most notably the pensioners and other financially desperate people who turned over as much as \$35,000 for Trump University, to receive all but nothing in return. They knew he wasn't an honest businessman. But they thought he would take everything he learned in all his years as a corrupt businessman to clean the joint up.

Of course, Trump did exactly the opposite. He used his insider knowledge and connections to appoint a bevy of obscenely wealthy insiders to Washington jobs, where they all did what they know how to do best: make money for themselves.

The cliché "shooting fish in a barrel" hardly does justice the number of potential scandals Democrats can highlight to show Trump has not cleaned up Washington. It begins with Trump himself, who still will not release his personal tax returns, even as he signed a tax-reform package into law that rained money on the 1 percent and contained provisions that almost certainly enriched his own bottom line, while giving such a small cut to the majority of filers that they don't even notice it in their paycheck.

Then there is his Cabinet of American oligarchs, the richest ever assembled. Their scandals encompass the petty (then-

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt demanding his staff drive him to pick up a fancy lotion in between helping find his wife a job) and the stupendous, such as Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' shorting shares in a stock he was supposed to divest in order to serve in his job and according to Forbes allegedly siphoning more than \$120 million from his business partners prior to taking a job with the administration. Other members of the Trump White House are intent on making sure the corporate world knows there is a "for sale" sign outside of the White House. Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, who is also the acting Consumer Financial Protection Bureau head, openly boasted of how, when he served in Congress, he wouldn't even meet with a corporate lobbyist unless they donated to him. Now he has gutted the CFPB's oversight of multiple industries.

And when Reps. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., and Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., prominent Trump supporters in Congress, found themselves under federal indictment for their allegedly corrupt financial actions, what did Trump do? He took to Twitter to blame Attorney General Jeff Sessions for endangering Republican election chances in November by bringing charges against "two very popular Republican Congressmen," law and ethics be damned.

Trump's presidency is governed by a team of smash-and-grab thieves, intent on gaining as much money and advantage as they can while they retain access to the levers of power. Taken altogether, it's both an affront and an embarrassment. It's almost certain some portion of 2016 Trump voters know it. His personal approval ratings are falling in part because they should have come as a surprise. No one likes to feel had. Especially voters.

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## Controlling presidents with in-house watchdogs

**There are lots of Democrats, including past presidents, whose need for surrounding watchdogs at least equal Trump's, and look, in the meantime, at the good he has done.**

They've got to watch him every minute, deceive him, disobey him, control him through look and crook, whatever it takes, and, yes, even if I am talking about, Top people in the administration are busily thwarting what they see as the ignorant, narcissistic impulses of President Donald Trump. As much has been asserted in a Bob Woodward book and an anonymous op-ed in The New York Times.

The thing is, there are lots of Democrats, including past presidents, whose need for surrounding watchdogs at least equal his, and look, in the meantime, at the good he has done. He is giving us judges who think the Constitution is not that bad after all. He is wiping out Islamic State. He has also done an enormous favor for the country through a tax reform plan that has wondrously excited the economy.

New jobs are opening up all over, and unemployment is way, way down. Stagnant wages? They are getting out of bed. Small-business confidence is the highest ever measured and consumer confidence is way up there, too. Manufacturers are suddenly manufacturing like crazy, but they're desperate for more skilled workers and Trump has a training plan. Median family income is starting to look American again, and former President Barack Obama says excuse me as he takes the credit for all of this. Keep the laughter down, please. "What he did with higher taxes and a re-

cord number of major regulations was to put handcuffs and a chain and ball on the economy, giving us the slowest recovery since World War II, and what Trump did was unlock those handcuffs and hack that chain in half. Of course, he would not have had it if Obama had been more carefully kept in check by prideful, nervously alert aides and top officials.

Maybe, if shrewd and sufficiently dishonest, they could also have kept him from a unilaterally executed Clean Power Plan that would have unconstitutionally wiped out state laws. Perhaps they would have prevented his spying on reporters and threatening them with jail while his administration also set a record for denying complete access to requested government material under the Freedom of Information Act. Possibly they could have waltzed him away from rotten international deals that should have been treaties requiring congressional approval.

Obama is smart, charming and sophisti-

cated, but also the kind of New Age thinker believing you can trust evil not to be evil and then open doors for ISIS, for instance, or make a reckless bargain on nuclear weapons with Iran.

But wait, I do not really believe it's OK to unconsciously and regularly undermine presidential decisions. Talk back, fight back, but do it to his face. If all of that does not work and you think Trump is unfit for office, resign and say so publicly, or get together with others to try the 25th Amendment that would still require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to keep Trump out of power.

You might also consider that, while Trump's semi-literate tweets, blather and low-life past are frightening, it hardly means no other president ever made worse mistakes. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for instance, put American citizens in internment camps because of their national origins and turned his back on Jews seeking asylum from Hitler. You could also research Woodrow Wilson's assaults on free speech. Moving to the present, you might want to look at the Democrats and their childish, rude play during Senate hearings on a Supreme Court nominee.

Of course, in addition to possible cheaters in Trump's inner circle, we have other officials in the Justice Department and intelligence agencies who seem to have skirted the law in their efforts to get him impeached. This could be worse for the nation than Russian collusion.

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## OPINION

## Did liberal groups' Collins strategy cross a line?

BY BRADLEY SMITH

Special to The Washington Post

It's illegal to tell a politician what you think about an issue and vow to back her opponent if she disagrees? Such a straightforward question should be easy to answer, but it's not. That alone is an indictment of the hundreds of pages of statutes and regulatory rules that constitute our federal campaign-finance laws. Even the late Justice Antonin Scalia once admitted that "campaign finance law is so intricate that I can't figure it out."

This hullabaloo began in Maine when a crowdfunding campaign by two liberal groups to pressure Republican Sen. Susan Collins topped \$1 million. There's one catch: The groups would only charge the pledgers' credit cards if Collins votes to confirm Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. A to-be-determined Democratic nominee would then get the money if Collins seeks re-election in 2020.

Collins called the effort "the equivalent of an attempt to bribe me." Others argue that the organizers, Mainers for Accountable Leadership and the Maine People's Alliance, along with Crowdpac, the website hosting the campaign, are violating federal law.

At its core, much political action is transactional. Voters ask candidates to do (or not do) certain things, and either offer their support or threaten to withhold it, depending on the candidate's response. Collins

**Americans should not have to consult a lawyer before engaging in political advocacy but, too often, they do, and even then, the answers are not always clear.**

knows that every high-profile vote — even a principled one — will alienate some voters and donors while pleasing others. But is this particular tactic legal?

The first relevant statute is 18 U.S.C. 201, which prohibits any person from "corruptly" offering "anything of value to any public official ... with intent to influence any official act." The organizers and donors here clearly want to influence an official act — Collins' vote on Kavanaugh. But are they doing so "corruptly"?

Others have suggested the statute doesn't apply because the funders are not offering anything to Collins — they'll be giving it to someone else. Is it a "thing of value" to not give money to a candidate's opponent?

I think the answer to each of these questions is a clear "no." Few would consider it an illegal bribe, for example, if an advocate group threatened to turn out 100,000 opposition voters unless the officeholder went the right way on a crucial issue. But what about the U.S. attorney general's indictment or a plea bargain on the theory that this is a corrupt offer of "anything of value"? I'm guessing probably yes. Whether a jury would convict is another question.

These uncertainties illustrate the dangerous complexity of our public corruption and campaign-finance laws. Americans should not have to consult a lawyer before engaging in political advocacy but, too often, they do, and even then, the answers are not always clear.

The second element here is campaign-finance law, which prohibits direct corporate support for candidates. Crowdpac, which is actually a for-profit corporation, not a political action committee — argues that its fundraising methods were specifically approved by the Federal Election Commission in a 2014 advisory opinion. But that opinion was based, in part, on Crowdpac's assurances that it would offer "all candidates an equal opportunity" and operate "on an equal and nonpartisan basis." Crowdpac abandoned that model earlier this year, suspending all fundraising campaigns for Republican candidates, so the advisory opinion may no longer protect it.

But what if Crowdpac have to serve all comers? We don't require pollsters, consultants or printers to make their services available to all candidates.

In a later advisory opinion, the FEC's

three Republican commissioners voted that a website such as Crowdpac need not serve everyone. But the commission's three Democrats disagreed, so the issue remains unsettled. If a complaint is filed, it will be interesting to see how the commission votes. Crowdpac's position may be dicier than it thinks.

Then there is the Maine People's Alliance, which is also an incorporated entity. Thanks to the Supreme Court's Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision, the group can spend money urging voters for or against a candidate. But it is still prohibited by law from using its corporate resources to raise funds for a candidate's campaign, meaning the Alliance may have run afoul of the law. It wants to overturn Citizens United but, perhaps, it should be calling to expand it.

Legislates aside, the Crowdpac campaign is jarring for its "vote our way or else" tone. What should be reassuring, however,

— regardless of how one feels about Kavanaugh — is that it has almost no chance of succeeding. Collins is highly unlikely to change her vote because of these fundraising threats.

For those who tell us money is the root of all political evil, that should be an encouraging result.

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## DAV report: Health care gaps narrowing for female vets

BY TOM PHILPOTT

Special to Stars and Stripes

As an 18-year-old on her first field assignment as a teletype operator, to West Germany for Exercise Reforger in 1974, Marilyn McCLOUD left her tent one night to use the latrine and was raped by another soldier.

Over a 21-year career, McCLOUD said she was exposed to lesser forms of sexual abuse and harassment, enough so that by the time she retired as a sergeant first class, it had damaged her mental health, instilled a deep anger and left her too frightened even to shop near her New Orleans home without her husband.

For a few years before Hurricane Katrina in 2005, which would force her to relocate to St. Petersburg, Fla., McCLOUD said she tried several times to get the health care she needed from the Department of Veterans Affairs. In her words, she always got "the runaround" from a skeptical Department of Veterans Affairs staff, both in New Orleans and in Florida, and finally she gave up.

Returning to New Orleans in 2011, McCLOUD became friends with two national service officers at a local chapter of Disabled American Veterans. These women suggested she might be suffering from Military Sexual Trauma.

"I went to my computer and started reading the service members' own research and all the symptoms, that was me. When I saw there was a name to my situation I went back (to the service officers). They explained to me I could be taken care [of] for that. They gave me more and more information [though] I was still hesitant to go to them because earlier 'it was a whole lot of craziness.'"

She did access VA care, however, and during three years of group therapy sessions, McCLOUD said she "opened up" about the trauma and learned coping skills. She still sees a VA staff psychiatrist to renew her prescriptions and to come care from VA today as off the charts, "on a scale of one to

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10, it's a 20," she said.

Because of an attentive facility director and strong staff, McCLOUD said, the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in New Orleans is defined by "professionalism, from the moment you park and throughout the U.S. when they get an idea about everybody," said McCLOUD 62, now an adjunct of a local DAV chapter.

That a female veteran who, a decade ago, disparaged VA health care as failing miserably to meet her needs, praises the system today reflects to some degree real reform. The VA has made many, at the direction of Congress, in response to long neglected medical needs of a rising population of female veterans, according to a new report on female veterans that DAV released Wednesday.

"Women Veterans: The Journey Ahead" is a progress report on gains, and on remaining gaps, in VA services and benefits for female veterans since DAV conducted a first comprehensive report four years ago. It is available online at: [https://www.dav.org/wp-content/uploads/2018\\_WomenVeterans-Report-Sequel.pdf](https://www.dav.org/wp-content/uploads/2018_WomenVeterans-Report-Sequel.pdf).

Women today comprise almost 20 percent of the active-duty, reserve and National Guard forces, up from 10 percent of America's veteran population and that's projected to grow to more than 16 percent over the next 25 years.

Since 2014, women gained the right to compete for any assignment across every military occupational specialty and are the fastest growing subpopulation of the military and veteran communities," the report says. But the population of women "is growing more rapidly than the systems we have in place to support them," including at the VA. "This has created an environment in which — whether intentional or not — women's needs are often less recognized, less respected and

less valued than their male counterparts."

As barriers to achieve full professional equality have fallen for women, Congress and the VA still struggle to ensure parity in their health care and other services. The latest report, says DAV, seeks to educate VA leaders and lawmakers on the unmet needs of female veterans so reforms continue.

"Every day, in ways both large and small, women veterans go overlooked because we are attempting to wrap them into an existing, at times ill-fitting, system rather than creating a system that wraps around them," the report says.

One example of a health care reform Congress recently directed that has fallen short is with in vitro fertilization services, said Sonya Nunez, 35, a DAV national service officer in Little Rock, Ark. Nunez was a C-130 crew chief in the Air Force when medically retired in 2013 with multiple sclerosis.

While on active duty, Nunez also had difficulty getting pregnant and was diagnosed with endometriosis, which required surgery. Nunez and her husband learned they could have a child only through in vitro fertilization, a \$20,000 procedure their private health plan didn't cover.

In fall 2016, Congress approved a two-year test program to cover IVF service for veterans who can't become pregnant due to a service-connected condition. Nunez qualified, but the only IVF clinic in Arkansas, located in Little Rock, rejected Nunez and her husband's plan to travel for outside medical services. TriWest, set reimbursement rates for IVF services below that of Medicare.

TriWest then directed Nunez and her husband to a clinic six hours away in St. Louis, but tried to late this group rejected its payment rates. Finally, a clinic in Dallas, five hours away, was found that would accept VA rates. But the IVF procedure requires that patients reside locally for 10 days to two weeks to receive almost daily testing or treatments, Nunez said.

After an unsuccessful procreancy, exhausting her sick leave, racking up thou-

sands of dollars in charges to the VA for mileage, meals and hotel accommodations for Nunez and her husband, and trying to use some lab testing at the Little Rock VA hospital to support the Dallas IVF clinic and cut down on the travel demands, Nunez abandoned her dream of conceiving a child using the VA.

"In my experience, in the state of Arkansas, VA was not prepared for it. On paper it looks absolutely awesome. Your condition is service-connected. You can't have children. Here you go. We're going to pay for it. Even thinking, 'Dallas is only five hours away,' it's still not feasible," Nunez said. "You cannot accomplish IVF out of state without having to take ridiculous amounts of time off work."

Ironically, said Nunez, the VA spent thousands of extra dollars on travel out of state for her and husband, "money that could have been used for the higher fees charged by the local IVF clinic, which the VA and TriWest had declined to cover."

The 72-page DAV report urges a holistic approach to improving transition, recovery and long-term support of female veterans. It recommends 45 specific actions VA and Congress should take to deliver a better health care, including mental health and suicide prevention services, community care, rehabilitation and prosthetic services, shelter and financial counseling.

The report also acknowledges significant gaps for female veterans from recent legislation promoting gender care. VA health care, improved training for clinical providers, more privacy and security in VA facilities, enhanced maternity care services, enhanced peer support programs and expanded access to child care.

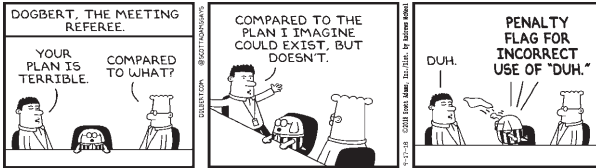
More improvements are needed, the report concludes. "Women are carving out larger, more prominent places in our military and veteran spaces each day. But we can't just tell them they belong; we have to show them."

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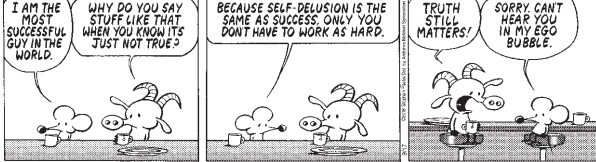
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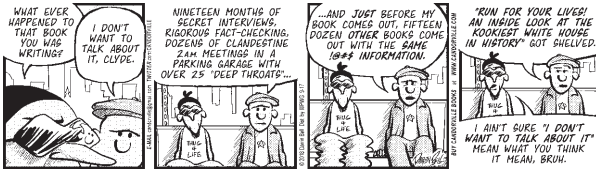
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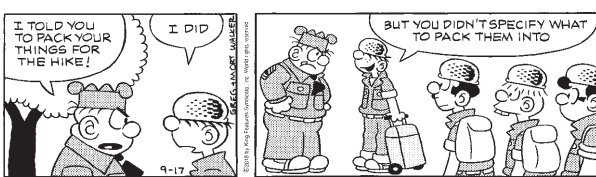
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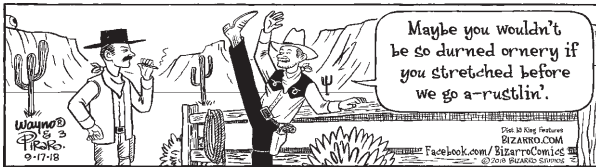
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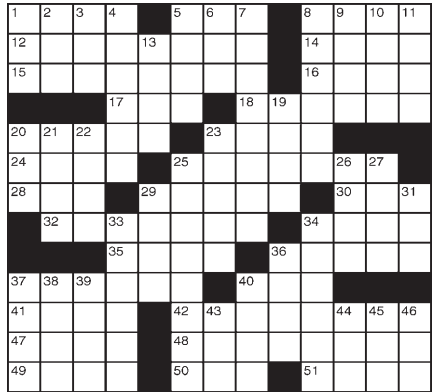
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 14 Peregrinate
- 15 California city
- 16 Apple tablet
- 17 Mimic
- 18 Caravan
- 20 Mends, as socks
- 23 Takeout order?
- 24 Redact
- 25 Summer footwear
- 28 Egg quaff
- 29 "West Side Story" role
- 30 Dig in
- 32 Wood-smoothing tools
- 34 Nick and Nora's pet
- 35 An apple —
- 36 Big name in racing
- 37 Free of danger
- 40 MGM motto start
- 41 Russian river
- 42 Hero, for one
- 47 Naked
- 48 Sly suggestion
- 49 Coaster
- 50 Ultra-modernist
- 51 April forecast

### DOWN

- 1 Surprised cries
- 2 Extinct bird
- 3 New England cape
- 4 Stinging insect
- 5 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
- 6 Wooden pin
- 7 Worth of some opinions?
- 8 Yalta's peninsula
- 9 Lariat
- 10 Ellipse
- 11 Marries
- 13 Shril bark
- 19 Emmy-winner
- 20 Lair
- 21 Big fusses
- 22 Latvia's capital
- 23 Grocery section
- 25 Enters secretly
- 26 Minus
- 27 Fill fully
- 29 Tosses in
- 31 Sailor
- 33 Executed perfectly
- 34 Retort
- 36 Pakistani language
- 37 Worn-down pencils
- 38 Spoken
- 39 Exceptional
- 40 Part of A.D.
- 43 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 44 — bind
- 45 Roman 401
- 46 Sweetie

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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### CRYPTOQUIP

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Saturday's stars

**Devin Singletary**, Florida Atlantic, scored a school-record five rushing TDs in the first half in a 49-28 victory over Bethune-Cookman.

**David Pindell**, UConn, accounted for 455 yards and six TDs to help the Huskies beat Rhode Island 56-49.

**Juwan Lawson**, Rhode Island, accounted for 436 yards and six TDs in a 56-49 loss to UConn.

**Travis Etienne**, Clemson, ran for 162 yards and two TDs in the No. 2 Tigers' 38-7 win over Georgia Southern.

**Trace McSorley**, Penn State, accounted for five TDs and broke the school record for most rushing scores by a quarterback (22) as the No. 11 Nittany Lions routed Kent State 63-10.

**Malik Rosier**, Miami, accounted for five TDs and 285 yards as the No. 21 Hurricanes outlasted upset-minded Toledo 49-24.

**Malcolm Perry**, Navy, ran for 223 yards and three TDs as the Midshipmen rolled to a 51-21 victory over Lehigh.

**Aaron Shampkin**, Harvard, rushed for 178 yards and four TDs as the Crimson opened their 145th season with a 36-14 victory over San Diego.

**Kyle Murray**, Oklahoma State, threw for 348 yards and three TDs to help the No. 5 Cowboys hold off Iowa State 37-27.

**Grant Kraemer**, Drake, passed for 359 yards and six TDs in less than three quarters in a 52-12 victory over Division II Missouri S&T.

**Ty Chandler**, Tennessee, rushed for 158 yards and had an 81-yard TD as the Vols coasted to a 24-0 victory over UTEP.

**Nehari Crawford**, Duquesne, had 11 catches for 223 yards and two scores in a 31-26 win over Dayton.

**Jason Randall**, Missouri State, rushed for a career-high 181 yards and a pair of TDs in a 40-8 win over Northern Arizona.

— The Associated Press



JESSICA HUA/AP

**Connecticut quarterback David Pindell breaks away from Rhode Island defensive lineman Brandon Ginnetti for a touchdown on Saturday. Pindell accounted for 455 yards and six TDs to help the Huskies beat Rhode Island 56-49.**

## How the AP Top 25 fared

**1 Alabama (3-0) beat Mississippi State 42-7.** Alabama threw for 191 yards and two touchdowns. Jerry Jeudy caught two scoring passes and Alabama buried Mississippi. The Tide gave up a touchdown on the first play, but responded by scoring the next 62 points. Their offense had 516 total yards and was so effective that Tagawa's evening was over midway through the second quarter.

**2 Clemson (3-0) beat Georgia Southern 38-7.** A week of worry at Clemson over an approaching hurricane ended with a victory in front of a full crowd. Travis Etienne ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns and Trevor Lawrence threw for 194 yards, including a 57-yard score to fellow freshman Justyn Ross.

**3 Georgia (3-0) beat Middle Tennessee 49-7.** Jake Fromm threw three touchdown passes and Elijah Holyfield ran for 100 yards, each playing only the first half for Georgia which led 42-7 at halftime.

**4 Ohio State (3-0) beat No. 15 TCU 40-28 at Arlington, Texas.** Big defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones returned an interception thrown right at him 28 yards for one of Ohio State's three touchdowns in a four-minute span of the third quarter in the Buckeyes' last game without suspended coach Urban Meyer.

**5 Oklahoma (3-0) beat Iowa State 37-27.** Kyle Murray threw for 348 yards and three touchdowns and Marquise Brown had 191 yards receiving and a TD as Oklahoma held off Iowa State in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

**6 Wisconsin (2-1) lost to BYU 24-21.** Squally Canada ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns and BYU handed mistake-prone Wisconsin its first non-conference home loss since 2003, giving the Badgers fits with its motion offense.

**7 Auburn (2-1) lost to No. 12 LSU 22-21.** Cole Tracy kicked a 42-yard field goal on the final play to give LSU a victory over Auburn. Jarrett Stidham started out 0-for-4 passing with an interception on his first attempt, but regrouped nicely, finishing 16-for-28 for 198 yards and a touchdown.

**8 Notre Dame (3-0) beat Vanderbilt 22-17.** Jalen Elliott knocked the ball loose from Vanderbilt receiver Kahlia Lipscomb with 1:07 remaining to give Notre Dame a fourth-down stop. Tony Jones Jr. finished with 118 yards on 17 carries for Notre Dame.

**9 Stanford (3-0) beat UC Davis 30-10.** K.J. Costello overcame a rough start to throw two touchdown passes to JJ Arcega-White and Stanford beat FCS-level UC Davis. Costello threw interceptions on two of the first three drives of the game for the Cardinal before settling in a bit against the overmatched Aggies.

**10 Washington (2-1) beat Utah 21-7.** Myles Gaskin ran for 143 yards on 30 carries and added a touchdown, and Washington's defense forced three turnovers as the Huskies beat Utah for the third straight season. Jake Browning threw for 155 yards, a touchdown, and an interception.

**Next vs. No. 23 Arizona State, Saturday.**

**11 Penn State (3-0) beat Kent State 63-10.** Trace McSorley accounted for five touchdowns and broke Penn State's record for most rushing scores by a quarterback as the Nittany Lions routed Kent State. The Heisman Trophy hopeful completed 11 of 22 passes for 229 yards, with an interception and ran for three touchdowns.

**12 LSU (2-1) beat No. 7 Auburn 22-21.** Joe Burrow led LSU down the field in the final minutes with clutch plays and two pass interference calls against Auburn. That set up Cole Tracy's field goal that sent LSU players swarming onto the field to celebrate.

**13 Virginia Tech (2-0) vs. East Carolina, ccd., hurricane.** Virginia Tech's staff made the most of the unexpected time off. After practices on Wednesday and Thursday, coaches scattered to watch high school football games played Thursday and Friday.

**14 West Virginia (1-0) at NC State, ccd., hurricane.** Instead of Wolfpack and West Virginia tailgaters, one of the parking lots at N.C. State's Carter-Finley Stadium was being used as a staging area for power company trucks set to deal with power outages.

**15 TCU (2-1) lost to No. 4 Ohio State 40-28 at Arlington, Texas.** Darius Anderson had two rushing TDs for TCU, including a school record 93-yard sprint that was the longest play from scrimmage ever against the Buckeyes. Anderson added a 16-yard score when he dove to the left pylon to make it 21-13 before Ohio State rallied.

**Next at Texas, Saturday.**

**16 Mississippi State (3-0) beat Louisiana-Lafayette 56-10.** Nick Fitzgerald accounted for 350 yards of offense and six touchdowns to lead Mississippi State. Fitzgerald ran for 107 yards and four touchdowns, the second time he's had four rushing touchdowns in a game.

**17 Boise State (2-1) lost to No. 24 Oklahoma State 44-21.** Boise State's Brett Rygren passed for 380 yards and three touchdowns, but was sacked seven times and pressured throughout the day. Oklahoma State held the Broncos to 34 yards rushing on 31 attempts.

**18 UCF (2-0) at North Carolina, ccd., hurricane.** This is the second straight season UCF has had a game canceled because of inclement weather. Last season the Knights had a game against Georgia Tech canceled following Hurricane Irma.

**19 Michigan (2-1) beat SMU 45-20.** Shea Patterson threw three touchdown passes to Donovan Peoples-Jones, helping Michigan pull away to beat SMU. The Wolverines took control in the last 2:34 of the first half. Patterson threw a TD pass to Peoples-Jones, and Josh Metellus returned an interception 73 yards for a score as time expired.

**20 Oregon (3-0) beat San Jose State 35-22.** Justin Herbert threw for 309 yards and three touchdowns and Oregon beat San Jose State. Johnny Johnson III caught a pair of touchdown passes to help Oregon win its 23rd straight nonconference game at Aztec Stadium.

**Next vs. No. 9 Stanford, Saturday.**

**21 Miami (2-1) beat Toledo 49-24.** Malik Rosier threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more to help Miami beat Toledo. The Hurricanes never trailed and led 21-0 late in the first half.

**22 Southern Cal (1-2) lost to Texas 37-14.** Sam Ehlinger passed for two touchdowns, and Anthony Wheeler returned a blocked field goal 46 yards for a score and Texas beat USC. The Longhorns trailed 14-3 in the first quarter before shutting down freshman quarterback J.T. Daniels and scoring 34 unanswered points.

**23 San Diego State (2-1) lost to San Jose State 28-21.** Junior Ryan Agnew threw his first career touchdown pass to cap an impressive drive to tie the game just before halftime. Jovan Washington rushed for 138 yards and one score and San Diego State's defense came up huge.

**24 Oklahoma State (3-0) beat No. 17 Boise State 44-21.** Taylor Cornelius ran for two touchdowns and passed for one to help Oklahoma State beat Boise State. Justice Hill ran for 123 yards and a touchdown, and Tylan Wallace had five catches for 105 yards for the Cowboys.

**25 Michigan State (1-1) did not play.** The Spartans open Big Ten play on the road against Indiana. "You stub your toe, you've got to get back in the ring and you've got to get back in there and do what you're supposed to do and change the results," coach Mark Dantonio said.

**Next at Indiana, Saturday.**



# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## OSU gets past TCU

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Fourth-ranked Ohio State overcame the adversity of Urban Meyer's absence and its toughest test so far — and is still undefeated for the return of the suspended coach.

Trailing No. 15 TCU and with star defender Nick Bosa in the locker room because of an apparent left groin injury, the Buckeyes scored three touchdowns in a four-minute span in third quarter — including a 28-yard interception return by big defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones — in a 40-28 victory Saturday night.

"Once we found [the momentum], we had to hold on to it," Jones said. "We had to rely on each other."

Parris Campbell turned a short pass from Dwayne Haskins Jr. into a 63-yard touchdown to start the quick scoring spree.

Ohio State still trailed 21-19 after a 2-point try failed, but TCU quarterback Shawn Robinson was under pressure on the ensuing third down when he tried to shove a pass to his running back — but instead it went right to the, the 286-pound tackle who rumbled to the end zone.

The next drive for the Horned Frogs (2-1) ended with a blocked punt, and two plays later Haskins threw a 24-yard TD to K.J. Hill.

"Getting through this game, the way it went down, we knew there were going to be ebbs and flows in



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

**Ohio State wide receiver Parris Campbell runs for a touchdown as TCU defensive tackle Corey Bethley (94) fails on a tackle attempt during the second half on Saturday in Arlington, Texas.**

a game like this," acting coach Ryan Day said. "We knew that there were going to be times when we'd hit adversity and we'd have to stick together at times like that."

Meyer completed his three-game suspension for mismanaging domestic-abuse allegations and other misconduct by former assistant Zach Smith. Meyer was able to take part in practice the last two weeks, but will be back on the sideline when the Buckeyes play their final, non-conference game at home next Saturday.

"We're just so excited to get coach back," Day said.

The Buckeyes jumped out to a 10-0 lead after All-America defensive end Bosa's strip-sack in the end zone, a fumble that was recovered by Davon Hamilton for a touchdown.

But Bosa left the game after rushing Robinson early in the third quarter. Bosa could be seen pointing at his groin area when sitting on the turf after the play, and went to the locker room with Ohio State down.

## Big: Cowboys doom No. 17 Boise State's playoff hopes

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One loss, especially in September won't eliminate a team or conference — at least not a Power Five conference — from playoff contention. But the Big Ten has been badly damaged this month. The concern for the conference is that its best teams will rough each other up and, like last year, its champion will emerge with two losses. Wisconsin still has road games against Iowa, Michigan and Penn State to come. And of course, Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan State and Michigan go round-robin.

Taking a loss at home to BYU into conference play was not in the plan for Wisconsin and the Big Ten. But when the season goes off script, that's when things get interesting.

**Busted:** No. 17 Boise State's hopes of forcing its way into the College Football Playoff conversation were buried by No. 23 Oklahoma State. It was fun to consider what the selection committee would do with an unbeaten Boise State come November.

If nothing else it probably would have rekindled the debates sparked by UCF last year about whether the playoff system is fair to teams from outside the Power Five. And the Broncos would have had the potential for the noteworthy nonconference victories that UCF lacked.

Now, that's over. Instead, we should be talking more Oklahoma State and the job coach Mike Gundy does of consistently rolling out high level teams and developing productive quarterbacks. The Cowboys have had three straight 10-3 seasons and six double-digit win seasons in the last eight years.

It seemed this might be a bit of a rebuilding year in Stillwater, with a new quarterback and top receivers to break in. Instead, Taylor Cornelius has picked up nicely at quarterback for Mason Rudolph and Gundy has another team that should make some noise in the Big 12.

**Fs-ewww:** Willie Taggart's tenure at Florida State has started so poorly the new Seminoles coach is already facing something of a crisis. Florida State has not merely lost two of its first three games in year one for Taggart in Tallahassee. Florida State has scored a total of 10 points in a couple lopsided Atlantic Coast Conference losses and needed a fourth-quarter comeback to beat FCS Samford in between.

Florida State was hideous, disorganized and pushed around at Syracuse. That's a Syracuse program coming off four straight losing seasons and with no victories against Florida State since it joined the ACC in 2013.

Florida State started the season ranked No. 19. The narrative was last season's 7-6 was an aberration and Jimbo Fisher left enough players behind for Taggart to get Florida State to eight or nine wins this season. Negative. Either Fisher did a bad job of recruiting and developing or Taggart is doing a bad job of coaching. Probably a little bit of each. Florida State offensively under coordinator Walt Bell, who left Maryland to join Taggart, looks lost.

In case you're wondering it would cost Florida State \$21 million to fire Taggart after one season. That seems pretty much unaffordable. Also, Florida State currently does not have a permanent athletic director.

## Service academies roundup

# Army hands Hawaii first loss

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Kelvin Hopkins is feeling confident running Army's offense after three games as a starter.

Hopkins didn't buy into hype of his quarterback matchup against Hawaii's Cole McDonald, the nation's leading passer, started with Army's system and turned in a career day.

Hopkins rushed for a team-high 110 yards and two touchdowns and completed 6-for-10 passes for 162 yards as Army knocked off unbeaten Hawaii and extended its home winning streak to nine games Saturday.

He became the first Army quarterback to have a 100-yard rushing and 100-yard passing game since Chris Carter against Rutgers on Nov. 21, 2015. The junior scored a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs to give Army a 14-7 lead with 12:54 left in the first half. The quarterback's second touchdown was the first time that Hawaii had trailed in a game this season.

It's a team game, and I just wanted to do my part," Hopkins

said. "My confidence comes from my teammates. They have confidence in me and I have confidence in them. That's what we are building on, just getting comfortable and trusting the guys I have out there in front of me."

Linebacker Cole Christiansen broke up McDonald's pass in the end zone with 54 seconds left to seal the win for Army (2-1).

McDonald, who entered the game with an NCAA-high 1,165 yards and 13 touchdown passes, faced consistent heat from Army's pass rush and was forced to rush some throws. Army sacked McDonald three times. Senior linebacker Kenneth Brinson recorded two sacks for the Black Knights.

"Getting pressure was key," Christiansen said. "That quarterback is not used to having guys in his face. He's great. Their offense was fantastic. We just prepared really well this week this week and that's why I think we played well."

**Navy 51, Lehigh 21:** Navy quarterback Malcolm Perry spent much of Saturday afternoon dodging and spinning around defenders

in his team's triple-option offense.

Perry also showed that he can make big-plays downfield with his arm.

The result was a dominant performance as Perry ran for 223 yards with three touchdowns and Navy renewed its rivalry with Lehigh by rolling to a 51-21 victory.

"I think we came out ready to play," Perry said. "For me, I was passing the ball around a little bit. I'm getting more comfortable doing that in the game. I thought I could have done better, but it was a good experience to get under my belt."

Perry set the tone with touchdown runs from 5 and 24 yards in the opening quarter. He had another deft 30-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

The junior also threw a 49-yard pass to slotback CJ Williams that set up a 1-yard run by Zach Abey, who has six touchdowns. Williams had three receptions for 104 yards.

It was the first time since 2010 that Navy had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game.

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Boston	102	47	.685		Chicago	87	61	.588	
New York	97	65	.598	4.5	Pittsburgh	81	69	.538	13.5
Tampa Bay	81	86	.486	20.5	Cincinnati	63	96	.398	24.5
Baltimore	42	106	.284	59.5					
National League									
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Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	71	.517		Los Angeles	82	67	.550	
Philadelphia	65	82	.443	6.5	Colorado	81	69	.538	
Washington	69	79	.466	14	Pittsburgh	61	98	.382	13.5
New York	69	79	.466	14	Cincinnati	63	96	.398	24.5
Miami	51	98	.342	29					
Saturday's games									
Atlanta	76	71	.517		Los Angeles	82	67	.550	
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## MLB



Bill Boyce/AP

The Dodgers' Yasiel Puig watches his third home run of the game, a three-run shot in the eighth inning of a 17-4 win Saturday against the Cardinals.

## Puig, Dodgers top Cardinals

By DAVID SOLOMON  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Yasiel Puig has never missed the postseason since making his major league debut in 2013, and he doesn't plan on ending that run.

Puig homered three times and had a career-high seven RBIs, giving him five homers in two games, and the Los Angeles Dodgers routed St. Louis 17-4 Saturday.

Puig moved into first place in the National League West.

The Dodgers moved a half-game ahead of Colorado in the division following the Rockies' 3-0 loss to San Francisco.

The Cardinals are a half-game behind Colorado in the race for the second National League wild card.

"We want to be back in the playoffs, like every year," Puig said. "We need to play like a team, like family, hard every day, every pitch, in every situation."

Puig hit a solo homer in the fourth off John Gant (7-6) and three-run drives in the fifth against Mike Mayers and in the seventh versus Luke Weaver. Puig raised his season total to 21 homers with the first three-homer game of his major league career. He became the fourth Dodgers hitter since 2000 with consecutive multihomer games after Cody Bellinger, Adrian Beltré, and Shawn Green.

"He's focused, and he understands the importance of every pitch," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "For him to be as productive, have that day, get us on the base, have some space with the score, we needed every bit of it today. Guys did off of his energy."

Bellinger hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Luke Weaver and had a career-high six RBIs. The defending NL champions have won four consecutive games and nine of their last 14.

"Once you see him do it, you're like, oh, I can do that," Bellinger said of Puig. "I think that's just for everybody."

St. Louis has lost four straight games for the third time this season and has dropped eight of its last 13 games.

## Roundup

# Astros beat D-backs, extend AL West lead

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros were in a celebratory mood after helping Charlie Morton get a milestone win.

George Springer had four hits and scored three runs to back Morton in his career-high 15th victory as the Astros beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-4 Saturday night.

"I think our guys were genuinely happy for me," said the 34-year-old Morton, who made his first All-Star appearance earlier this summer. "The wins—I guess it means a lot to me because of this group. We've been through a lot and it means a lot to me. It was fun."

After struggling to get hits in a 4-2 loss to the Diamondbacks the previous night, the Astros managed 12 hits—including 10 singles—and drew seven walks in the bounce-back win. Coupled with Oakland's 7-5 loss at Tampa Bay, the Astros extended their lead in the AL West to 3½ games over the Athletics with 14 games remaining.

**Giants 3, Rockies 0:** Madison Bumgarner pitched six strong innings, and Austin Slater and Hunter Pence drove in runs as San Francisco knocked visiting Colorado out of first place in the National League West.

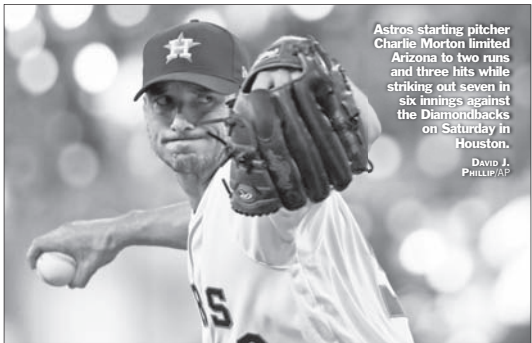
The Rockies slipped a half-game behind the Dodgers in the division. Los Angeles beat St. Louis 17-4 Saturday.

**Red Sox 5, Mets 3:** Pinch-hitter Brock Holt drove in a tiebreaking double off the Green Monster on the first pitch after Jackie Bradley Jr. hit one off the very top of the left-field wall, helping host Boston lower its magic number to four.

Boston's 102 wins is third-most in franchise history, passing the 1915 World Series championship team.

**Nationals 7, Braves 1:** 19-year-old rookie Juan Soto became the youngest player to steal three bases in a game, had an RBI single and scored the tiebreaking run as visiting Washington stopped Atlanta's season-best, six-homer pitching streak.

**Cubs 1, Reds 0:** Jon Lester allowed two hits over seven innings with a season-high nine strikeouts, Willson Contreras hit a



Astros starting pitcher Charlie Morton limited Arizona to two runs and three hits while striking out seven in six innings against the Diamondbacks on Saturday in Houston.

DAVID J. PHILLIPS/AP

run-scoring single in the sixth inning and host Chicago maintained its NL Central lead.

**Blue Jays 8, Yankees 7:** CC Sabathia got clocked early and New York, despite hitting four home runs during a furious rally, kept wobbling toward a playoff spot in a loss to visiting Toronto.

New York maintained its 1½-game lead over Oakland for the top AL wild-card slot. The Athletics lost to Tampa Bay 7-5. The Yankees are just 6-7 this month.

**Rays 7, Athletics 5:** Jake Bauers hit a three-run homer off Jeury Familia in the eighth inning to help host Tampa Bay slow playoff-chasing Oakland.

Oakland remains 1½ games behind the Yankees for the top AL wild card. The A's have dropped two of three since winning six straight.

**White Sox 2, Orioles 0:** Reynaldo Lopez was sharp over seven innings to continue his late-season surge and lift visiting Chicago to just its sixth winning streak of at least three games.

**Royals 10, Twins 3:** Ian Kennedy pitched six innings to earn his first win

since the first week of April. Alex Gordon drove in five runs and host Kansas City won for the fifth time in six games.

**Phillies 5, Marlins 4:** Cesar Hernandez hit a go-ahead, three-run home run in the fifth, seven relievers combined on seven shutout innings and Philadelphia picked up its second win over visiting Miami after a five-game losing streak.

Philadelphia overcame a 4-0 deficit and closed within 6½ games of first-place Atlanta in the NL East with 15 games left. The Phillies remained five games back for the NL's second wild-card spot.

**Pirates 3, Brewers 1:** At Milwaukee, Zach Davies failed to hold an early lead and gave up a go-ahead double to Francisco Cervelli in the fourth inning that lifted Pittsburgh.

**Rangers 6, Padres 3:** Robinson Chirinos hit a three-run double during a five-run sixth inning to help visiting Texas.

**Mariners 6, Angels 5:** At Anaheim, Calif., Robinson Cano hit a go-ahead three-run double to cap Seattle's rally from a four-run deficit.

## Tribe clinch 3rd straight division crown

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With ski goggles perched on his head, Michael Brantley stood in the middle of Cleveland's rocking clubhouse just a few feet from a ban overflowing with dozens of empty beer and champagne bottles.

The party was in full swing on Saturday. So were the Indians.

And as he watched his teammates target each other with foamy fluids, Brantley wanted to cherish an AL Central championship that seemed preordained.

"I'm savoring every moment of this," Brantley said after the Indians won their third straight division title on Saturday. "This never gets old. This is a lot of hard work that this group has put in to get to this point. It's all well-deserved, well-earned, and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Unchallenged for months, the Indians scored 11 runs in the first two innings and rolled to a 15-0 rout over the Detroit Tigers, who made four errors, managed only



DAVID DERMER/AP

Jose Ramirez celebrates in the Cleveland clubhouse after the Indians beat the Detroit Tigers 15-0 to clinch the AL Central for a third straight season on Saturday.

two hits and proved to be no match for the Indians since April.

Neither were the Minnesota Twins, Chicago White Sox or Kansas City Royals, who have spent the last three seasons staring up in the standings at the Indians.

Francisco Lindor and Brantley connected for back-to-back homers in the first inning off Michael Fulmer (3-12). Jose Ramirez had three hits and the Indians became the first team this year to clinch a division championship.

It's the first step toward an October when Cleveland will try to win its first World Series since 1948—the longest drought in the majors. After so many close calls, the Indians believe this is their year.

"It's really nice," Lindor said. "We understand we still have a long way to go."

Cleveland's current three-year reign in the Central is the club's longest since winning five straight from 1995-99.

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### Indians 15, Tigers 0

Detroit		Cleveland	
ab	r	ab	r
Cndrlio 3b	3	0	0
Christ Jr	4	0	0
Cattles rf	1	0	0
Mahtrout rf	1	0	0
Merrin dh	1	0	0
Stimac ph-cb	0	0	0
Adduci lf	3	0	0
Robtph	1	0	0
JMcMcn c	3	0	0
Jones cf	3	0	0
V Reyes cf	2	0	0
DLugo 2b	3	0	0
Kozma ss	3	0	0
Totals		Totals	
28	0	0	0

Detroit		Cleveland	
IP	H	R	E
Fulmer 3-12	0	2	2
Hall	1	8	9
Baez	1	2	2
Reininger	1	4	2
Coleman	1	1	0
Harley	1	0	0
Totals		Totals	
6	15	0	0

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## NHL/SPORTS BRIEFS

# At Caps camp, little competition

Reirden replacing Trotz after four years as his top assistant is the biggest change

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — While smiles are in high supply at training camp for the defending Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals, open jobs are not.

Returning 18 of 20 the players who dressed in their Cup-clinch victory, the Capitals have almost no competition for roster spots going into the regular season. Barring injuries, the front office and coaching staff could pencil in probably 95 percent of the opening night roster before anyone hits the ice.

"Obviously, I know our roster pretty well," general manager Brian MacLellan said Friday. "It's still going to be competitive on the fourth line. We're going to try to find a fourth line that we'd like to add a little bit more skill, a little more speed, and what we can do on the penalty kill."

Alex Ovechkin, Evgeny Kuznetsov, Braden Holtby and the rest of Washington's championship core remaining intact leaves the likes of Travis Boyd and newcomers Nic Dowd and Sergei Shumakov competing for fourth-line roles. MacLellan figures there will also be a competition between veteran Brooks Orpik and young defensemen Christian Djoo and Madison Bowey for playing time on the third pairing.

That's a far cry from a year ago when the Capitals lost a handful of key contributors and were looking for someone — anyone — to step up and fill voids. Those voids don't exist this year given that only fourth-line center Jay Beagle and backup goaltender Philipp Grubauer aren't around. "You never know what's going to happen tomorrow because it's hockey stuff," Ovechkin said. "It's hard when your friends and when some of your teammates left, especially when you win the Cup, but there's a salary cap. ... It's hard to keep."

It wasn't hard this time. The Capitals' signing pending free agent defenseman John Carlson before he hit the market and re-signed playoff hero Devante Smith-Pelly and deadline pickup Michael Kempny. Their low turnover is similar to what the Pittsburgh Penguins had when they repeated as Cup champions.

Todd Reirden replacing Barry Trotz as coach after four years as his top assistant is the biggest change. Reirden knows the roster as well as anyone and won't lie to players about opportunities, but he's trying to set them up to compete for spots that might come open because of injuries.

"It's a different kind of compe-

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Travis Boyd  
Capitals fourth-line player

tion," Reirden said. "You can't predict it, but all the players that are in camp, they know that there's competition. And whether that's competition for Day One of the season, Day 21 or 121 that there's a chance for a guy to be a part of a team that is the defending Stanley Cup champs."

Dowd saw a chance to win a full-time job with the defending champions and jumped at the opportunity. The 28-year-old who has played for the Kings and Canucks wants to show he can bring everything Beagle did and provide some offense. He's trying not to wonder every day in camp about where he stands in making the team.

"I spent my first two to three years of pro hockey going into training camp trying to split the atom and trying to get in the minds of the coaches and, 'Why am I here, why I am there in the lineup, why am I in this group, why am I in that group?'" Dowd said. "A lot of the time it makes no difference where you sit in practices and all that, and it just puts more stress on yourself in worrying about that."

Most players at Capitals camp don't have much to worry about because they know where they'll be in October when the season starts. It's almost certain Phoenix Coyote is Holtby's backup with prospect Ilya Samsonov in the American Hockey League with Hershey, and neither Bowey nor Djoo will be sent to the minors.

Boyd, who played one playoff game during the Cup run, can't be sure and knows he's fighting for a job.

"I didn't want to walk in here and think that I'm on the team," Boyd said. "I don't think I am. I definitely think that obviously there's some guys here that are good players too, trying to gain ahold of I guess the one or two spots that are open."

Notes: Carlson and center Lars Eller are nursing minor lower-body injuries that caused them to miss the first day of on-ice work.



Francois Mori/AP

Angela Stanford celebrates after winning the Evian Championship women's golf tournament on Sunday in Evian, France. It was her first major victory in 17 years as a pro.

## Briefly

# Stanford wins first major title

Associated Press

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — In her 18th year on tour, after a wild and tearful final few holes, Angela Stanford became a major tournament champion Sunday.

It was a long journey to an unlikely one-shot victory at the Evian Championship for a player who believed as a rookie in 2001 that major titles would come sooner than her 40th birthday — and probably not in France.

"I would have laughed, 'No way, it's going to happen before,'" said Stanford, whose runner-up finish at the 2003 U.S. Women's Open was the first of 13 top-10s in majors without a win.

"I didn't know at the time how close I was," she reflected of that playoff loss 15 years ago. "It was only my third year and I had no idea what I was doing, to be perfectly honest."

Those feelings returned on the 17th tee at Evian Resort Golf Club, she said, after double bogey at the par-3 16th dropped Stanford out of a tie with long-time leader Amy Olson.

Stanford closed her round of 3-under 68 with eagle-double bogey-birdie then a barely missed birdie that left her in tears minutes before Olson played the 18th and made double-bogey.

Her winning 12-under total of 273 was good by one shot to earn a \$577,500 check.

Olson (74) fell into a four-way tie for second place with fellow Americans Austin Ernst (68) and Mo Martin (70), and South Korea's Sei Young Kim (72). Martin barely missed with a birdie chance on the 18th to face Stanford in a playoff.

Olson missed a six-foot putt for bogey on the 18th to force a play-off. Stanford walked green-side out of sight of the putting surface after signing autographs for young spectators.

Tears flowed again as Stanford watched on a giant screen for

Olson — who spent all day as out-right or joint leader — to putt.

More than six years after getting the last of her five LPGA Tour titles, the 76th-ranked Stanford, put her hands to her mouth in surprise before beginning an emotional round of television interviews.

The result ensured American women extended a streak of winning at least one major title each year since Evian was added as the fifth in 2013.

In other golf news:

■ Scott McCarron shot a 9-under 63 in hot conditions Saturday at Warwick Hills for a share of The Alamy Challenge lead with Tom Lehman and Jeff Maggert.

Coming off a successful title defense two weeks ago in Calgary, Alberta, played an early three-hole stretch in 4 under — making an eagle on the par-4 12th. He had six birdies and a bogey on his second nine, birdieing the last three and four of the final five.

## Croatia thwarts US rally in Davis Cup semifinals

ZADAR, Croatia — Croatia — just barely — is going to the Davis Cup final.

After eight hours of tennis on Sunday, Borna Coric ended a sustained comeback bid from the United States by rallying from two sets to one down to beat Frances Tiafoe 6-7 (0), 6-1, 6-7 (11), 6-1, 6-3 in the fifth and decisive match of a topsy-turvy semifinal.

Seeking its second title, Croatia will visit defending champion France in the Nov. 23-25 final.

Earlier, substitute Sam Querrey had rallied from a deep hole to keep the U.S. alive.

Querrey, who was playing in place of Steve Johnson, beat sixth-ranked Marin Cilic 6-7 (2), 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-4 to even the best-of-five series at 2-2.

Cilic and Coric won the opening two singles matches Friday in

## Chastain gets first Xfinity win in Vegas

LAS VEGAS — Ross Chastain held off Justin Allgaier for his first NASCAR Xfinity Series victory Saturday, pulling away on the final restart for a long-awaited breakthrough in his 132nd series start.

Chastain led 180 of the 200 laps, but had to dig in on several restarts to stay in front of Allgaier, the regular-season Xfinity champion.

Cole Custer was third, followed by Christopher Bell and Elliott Sadler.

## Hamilton extends lead over Vettel in Singapore

SINGAPORE — Lewis Hamilton won the floodlit Singapore Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday to extend his championship lead over Sebastian Vettel to a commanding 40 points.

The Mercedes driver made a clean start and was largely untroubled as he beat Red Bull driver Max Verstappen by nine seconds, with Vettel much further back in third.

The four-time Formula One champion recorded his seventh win of the season and 69th of his F1 career. Vettel's championship bid crumbled when he crashed from pole here last year and then went on to lose the title by 46 points to Hamilton.

It is looking increasingly like a repeat scenario for the Ferrari driver, who now has just six races left to catch Hamilton in their bid for a fifth F1 title.

## BOXING/NFL

# Alvarez wins narrow decision over Golovkin

Longtime champion suffers first pro loss

By TIM DAHLBERG  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Canelo Alvarez and Gennady Golovkin fought 24 rounds in the space of a year, with little to pick between them.

When the scorecards were totaled Saturday night, though, the judges crowned a new middleweight champion of the world — but just barely.

Alvarez won the 160-pound titles held by Golovkin by the narrowest of margins, taking a majority decision to hand the longtime champion his first loss as a pro in a spirited fight that had a sold out crowd roaring.

Two judges gave Alvarez the final round, allowing him to pull out the win.

A year after the two fought to a draw, the second fight was almost as close. There were no knockdowns, but the action was spirited throughout as the two battled to the final bell before a frenzied crowd at the T-Mobile Arena.

Two judges favored Alvarez 115-113, while a third had it 114-114. The AP scored it 114-114.

"He's a great fighter but I'm a great fighter and I showed it tonight," Alvarez said.

The two fighters switched roles from their first fight, with Triple G trying to counter Alvarez and the Mexican fighter coming forward much of the fight. Both landed well to the head and Golovkin (38-1-1) controlled some rounds with his jab though neither were ever in any trouble of going down.

The fight was a rematch of a draw last September that left neither fighter satisfied. This time it was Golovkin who was upset, and he stormed out of the ring without talking.

"I'm not going to say who won tonight because the victory be-



STEVE MARCUS, LAS VEGAS SUN/AP

**Above:** Canelo Alvarez lands a punch on WBC/WSA middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin during their title fight in Las Vegas on Saturday. **Left:** Alvarez celebrates his majority decision win.



longs to Canelo according to the judges," Golovkin said later from his dressing room. "I thought it was a very good fight for the fans and very exciting. I thought I fought better than he did."

Ringside punch stats showed a close fight, though they favored Golovkin by a small margin. Golovkin was credited with landing 234 of 879 punches while Alvarez (50-1-2) landed 203 of 622.

"We had a great fight, the one we expected the first time around," said Abel Sanchez, Golovkin's trainer. "I had it close going into the 12th round. We had good judges who saw it from different angles — I can't complain about the decision, but it's close enough to warrant a third fight."

Almost immediately there was talk of a third fight between two middleweights who now know each other well.

"If the people want us to do it again let's do it again," Alvarez said. "For now I'm going to enjoy it with my family."

**'I showed my victory with facts. He was the one who was backing up. It was a clear victory.'**

**Canelo Alvarez**  
on his majority decision victory over Gennady Golovkin

for Golovkin, the fearsome puncher from Kazakhstan who held portions of the middleweight title for seven years and hadn't lost since the 2005 amateur world championships. And it came at the hands of the red-headed Alvarez, a Mexican star whose positive test for clenbuterol forced the rematch to be postponed from May.

They put on another show before a roaring crowd of 21,965, who crowded into the arena on the Las Vegas Strip with high anticipation in the biggest fight of the year.

Most of the crowd on Mexican Independence Day weekend favored Alvarez, who seemed to control much of the pace of the fight even while taking some sharp shots to the head. Though Golovkin has a reputation as a knockout artist, he never seemed to hurt Alvarez, who credited his fight plan with the win.

"I showed my victory with facts," Alvarez said. "He was the one who was backing up. It was a clear victory."

Alvarez said in the days leading to the fight that he went to bed every night visualizing a knockout. He seemed to want to follow up on his prediction, stalking Triple G at times, but never seemed to really hurt him.

Alvarez was guaranteed \$5 million to \$4 million for Golovkin, though both fighters were expected to make many millions more from the biggest pay-per-view in boxing so far this year.

## Browns releasing WR Gordon

By TOM WITHERS  
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CLEVELAND — Josh Gordon's troubled tenure with the Cleveland Browns has ended.

The team isn't going to help him any longer. He let them down for the final time.

The Browns announced Saturday night that it intends to release the former Pro Bowl wide receiver, whose immense talent has been overshadowed by substance abuse that has derailed a promising career.

The stunning news came just hours after the Browns said Gordon would miss Sunday's game in New Orleans with a mysterious hamstring injury. Gordon has been suspended by the NFL for most of the past four seasons because of multiple drug violations, and the Browns have been

supportive of the 27-year-old for years as he tried to get his life together.

Not anymore.

"This afternoon we informed Josh Gordon and his representatives that we are going to release him on Monday," general manager John Dorsey said in a statement. "For the past six years, the Browns have fully supported and invested in Josh, both personally and professionally and wanted the best for him, but unfortunately we've reached a point where we feel it's best to part ways and move forward. We wish Josh well."

The team provided no specifics about what prompted their decision to part ways with Gordon. He reported to the team's headquarters earlier in the day, and spokesman said Gordon was evaluated by doctors and the decision was

made to keep him home because of the hamstring.

It's unclear what his imminent release means for Gordon's playing future. Gordon was in the league's substance-abuse program and if he failed another drug test, he could be facing more discipline.

It's possible the Browns will try to trade Gordon before Monday. If Cleveland releases Gordon, he'll be a free agent and can sign anywhere.

Gordon missed three weeks of training camp this summer to undergo counseling and treatment, and he recently said he was in a good place mentally and physically.

Gordon played in last week's season opener against Pittsburgh, his first appearance in a Week 1 game since 2012, when he was a rookie.



DAVID RICHARD/AP

**Browns receiver Josh Gordon walks off the field after last Sunday's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Cleveland. The team announced Saturday that it intends to release the former Pro Bowler.**



## SPORTS



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Browns end relationship with troubled WR » **NFL, Page 31**

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Big letdown



MORRY GASH/AP

**BYU and Wisconsin players react after Badgers kicker Rafael Gaglianone, right, missed a field goal in the final seconds of the second half Saturday in Madison, Wis. The Cougars shocked the No. 6 Badgers 24-21.**

## First major upset shakes up Big Ten as BYU surprises No. 6 Wisconsin

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

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The fun in a college football season does not really start until there is big upset, a Top 10 team losing to an unranked team.

BYU provided the season's first shocker, one that could reset the College Football Playoff race and have long-term ramifications for the Big Ten. The Cougars knocked off No. 6 Wisconsin as a three-touchdown underdog.

The Badgers were a popular playoff pick, the overwhelming favorites in the Big Ten West and part of a group of five Big Ten teams that began the season ranked in the top-15. Three have already lost, with Wisconsin joining No. 19 Michigan and No. 25

Michigan State.

It was a lousy day overall for the Big Ten. Nebraska fell to 0-2 under Scott Frost, falling to Troy while playing a walk-on quarterback. Northwestern lost to Akron, which had not beat a Big Ten member since 1894. Purdue lost

on a last-second field goal to Missouri. The Boilermakers might be the best 0-3 team in the country, for whatever that's worth.

Plus, the conference's lower-level teams looked awful with Rutgers getting pounded by Kansas, Maryland losing at home to Temple and Illinois blowing a lead to USF.

No. 4 Ohio State saved the day for the Big Ten, using a second-half avalanche to beat No. 15 TCU. The Buckeyes trip to No. 11 Penn

State in two weeks sets up as a huge game, with both still unbeaten.

As for Saturday's sadness, Wisconsin's flop was the worst. The Badgers had won 41 straight nonconference home games, the longest streak in the country, and BYU lost at home to California last week. It was a weird game for Wisconsin. The Badgers outgained the Cougars, held the ball for 34 minutes, turned the ball over just once, but had no takeaways.

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